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RULES

OF THE

PHILADELPHIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

I. THE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

1. The President shall see that all the business appertaining to the Conference shall be brought forward and conducted in a proper manner, according to the provisions of the Discipline, and the Rules of the Conference.
2. He shall preserve order in all the proceedings—and in debate shall keep the speakers to the question, and call them to order when they wander from the point, or from the rules of order, or use any improper language.
3. He shall decide all questions of order; nevertheless any two members may appeal from his decision to the Conference, and in such case the appeal shall be decided without debate.
4. He shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise directed by the Conference, in which case the appointment shall be made by ballot or nomination, at the discretion of the Conference; no member thereof being permitted to nominate more than one person for the same committee.
5. When two or more members arise and address the President at the same time, he shall decide which of them is entitled to the floor.

II. THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

1. The Secretary shall keep a fair and correct record of the proceedings of the Conference, to be read at the commencement of each session thereof, subject to correction by the Conference.
2. He shall carefully preserve the journals and papers of the Conference placed in his custody, and shall not permit any person but a member to examine the same, nor shall he allow a member to make a transcript from either without the permission of the Conference; and he shall also produce the journals and papers at the next annual session of the Conference.
3. He shall also, after the close of the Conference, make an appendix at the end of the journal, in which he shall record all documents which shall be ordered by the Conference to be so recorded, (the motion on which shall be taken without debate), and the documents so recorded shall be referred to on the Journal of the Conference.

III. THE DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS.

1. Every member who would speak shall rise in his place and respectfully address the President, refraining from all personalities or indecorous language, but no member shall speak more than once on the same question (except to explain), until every member choosing shall have spoken, nor longer than fifteen minutes, without permission of the Conference.
2. When a member shall be called to order by the President or any member, he shall take his seat until the question be decided by the President; nevertheless, he shall be allowed an appeal to the Conference, which shall decide without debate.
3. Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be granted, when, in the judgment of the President, the sense will admit of it; and every member present shall vote on all questions, unless excused by the Conference.

IV. QUESTIONS TO BE TAKEN WITHOUT DEBATE.

1. A motion simply to adjourn.
2. A motion to lie on the table.

V. PROMISCUOUS RULES.

1. A motion to adjourn shall be always in order.
2. When a question has been decided any member who may have voted in the majority on said question may move for a reconsideration thereof.
3. When the reading of a paper is called for, and the same is objected to by a member, the question shall be determined by a vote of the Conference.
4. When a motion is made and seconded, and entertained by the President, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Conference, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, with the consent of the seconder, before a decision had thereon, or an amendment thereto be entertained by the President.
5. It shall be in order at any time during the discussion of a proposition before the Conference (except during the examination of character), to move that the question shall be taken without further debate, and, if sustained by a majority of the members present, it shall be immediately put and decided.
6. No motion shall be entertained unless seconded, and all motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing, if desired by the President or Secretary, or any member of the Conference.
7. No matter of business, other than that which pertains to the ordinary business of the Conference, shall be read by the Secretary, until the subject of it is stated by the introducer.
8. In discussion upon a report of a committee, the Chairman of the committee whose report is under consideration, or such member of the committee as the committee may agree upon, shall be entitled to the last speech upon the question.
9. The yeas and nays shall be called and recorded on any question, on the demand of forty members.
10. On the second day of the session, at 10 o'clock, the list of appointments shall be called, and the preachers in charge requested to report as follows:
    1. Collection for Conference Claimants, announcing amount apportioned and amount raised.
    2. Benevolent collections, for Finance Committee, enclosed in envelope, properly endorsed, with schedule, cash or receipts for money paid.
    3. General Statistics, Sunday-school Superintendents and Missionary Statistics.

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On Sunday-schools.—W. J. Mills, E. C. Yerkes, T. W. Maclary, C. W. Bickley, W. H. Fries.

On Tract Cause.—A. L. Wilson, D. McKee, T. Harrison, E. C. Griffiths, J. T. Satchell.

On Temperance.—B. T. String, W. P. Howell, W. Mullin, J. W. Geiger, W. W. Wisegarver.

On Church Extension.—The Conference Board of Church Extension, M. D. Kurtz President.

On Freedmen's Aid.—O. R. Cook, J. Sampson, J. R. Bailey, G. W. Maclaughlin, H. White.

On Missions.—The Presiding Elders.

On Woman's Foreign Missions.—A. Longacre, H. Wheeler, O. H. Tiffany, T. C. Pearson, D. M. Young.

On Woman's Home Missions.—R. Whinna, W. K. Macneal, L. M. Hobbs, J. B. Graff.

On Necessitous Cases.—The Trustees of the Preachers' Aid Society.

On General Statistics.—A. W. Quimby, F. A. Gilbert, D. M. Gordon, S. W. Smith, R. Smith, F. M. Collins, W. F. Sheppard, R. Turner, R. A. McIlwain, E. Devine, H. T. Quigg, W. H. Pickop, J. W. Bradley.

On Finance.—J. W. Sayers, J. D. Fox, J. W. Rudolph, W H. Smith.

On Missionary Statistics.—N. D. McComas, J. McQuoid, A. L. Hood, G. Read.

To Publish the Minutes.—The Secretary and his Assistants.

Special Committees.

On Indian Question.—T. C Murphey, G. Cummins, J. Welch, E. B. Snyder, G. S. Broadbent.

On Sabbath —A. Rittenhouse, T. A. Fernley, G. Gaul, H. E. Gilroy.

M. E. Orphanage.—W. L. Gray, T. B. Neely, S. W. Thomas, D. W. Gordon.

On Report of Book Concern.—G. G. Rakestraw, T. Stevens, J. B. Dobbins, W. H. Elliott, S. H C. Smith.

On Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society.—S. W. Thomas, T. A. Fernley, W. Downey, G. D. Carrow, R. W. Humphriss.

On Photographing the Conference.—T. A. Fernley, C. F. Turner.

Committee on Incorporation of Philadelphia Conference.—Wm. Swindells, J. S. J. McConnell, J. M. Hinson, J. Dickerson, W. J. Paxson, J. Welch, J. B. McCullough

Committee to Visit Wm. McCombs.—T. C. Murphey, S. W. Thomas, M. H. Sisty, W. H. Elliott, W. C. Robinson.

Triers of Appeals.

W. J. Mills, E. I. D. Pepper, D. W. Gordon, T. Stevens, R. J. Carson, J. F. Crouch, T. W. Maclary.

Examining Committees.

Meet at the seat of Conference on Monday evening preceding the Conference session, at 7½ o'clock.

Admission on Trial.—S. W. Kurtz, T. M. Jackson, S. W. Thomas, B. T. String, H. E. Gilroy.

First Year.—J. R. Bailey, G. A. Wolfe, T. Harrison, H. F. Isett, A. L. Urban.

Second Year.—T. M. Griffith, C. Hudson, D. McKee, W. M. Gilbert, J. J. Timanus.

Third Year.—D. W. Gordon, J. H. Wood, R. Turner, J. D. Fox, D. M. Young.

Fourth Year.—A. M. Wiggins, T. C. Pearson, W. Rink, W. K. Macneal, A. Johnson.

Local Preachers for Deacon's Orders.—J. Lindemuth, W. Downey, N. Frame, J. B. Graff, S. Irwin.

Local Deacons for Elder's Orders.—L. B. Brown, W. P. Howell, E. C. Griffiths, J. E. Kessler, J. W. Harkins.

On General Qualifications of Candidates for Admission on Trial, and for Admission into Full Connection.—J. Dyson, E. B. Snyder, G. D. Carrow, S. H. C. Smith, L. M. Hobbs, J. S. Hughes, G. G. Rakestraw, G. S. Broadbent, S. Horwell.

Visiting Committees.

Dickinson College.—*Ministers:* J. S. J. McConnell, T. M. Griffith, J. F. Meredith.
Laymen: D. B. Traver, S. K. Felton, A. Bruner.

Drew Theological Seminary.—*Ministers:* T. C. Murphey, J. B. Dobbins.
Layman: James R. Harris.

Williamsport Dickinson Seminary.—*Ministers:* J. Dickerson, W. C. Robinson.
Layman: E. L. Schofield, M. D.

Pennington Seminary.—A. M. Wiggins, G. W. Maclaughlin.

Hackettstown Seminary.—J. Dyson, W. P. Howell.

Buell Seminary.—E. C. Griffiths, J. F. Crouch.

Irving Female College.—G. Gaul, James Black.

Sunday-School Union.

Conference Vice-President.—R. W. Humphriss.

Annual Missionary Sermon.

By W. S. Pugh.—Alternate, W. Swindells.

Disciplinary Questions.

1. Who are received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?

George W. Miller and M. A. Richards from the Wilmington Conference; S. M. Vernon from the South-east Indiana Conference.

2. Who are admitted on Trial?

Rufus D. Naylor, Frederick B. Nixon, Stephen H. Evans, Oliver E. Stogden, G. Bickley Burns, George E. Kleinhenn, John Bell,* Hiram J. Illick, David T. Smyth, William W. Cookman, Nathaniel W. Clark, Jacob E. Grauley, William C. Graff.

3. Who remain on Trial?

Joseph H. Smith, J. D. Martin, Arthur Oakes,† C. E. Adamson,† G. W. Dungan,† Harry Hess, A. N. Millison, Alfred Heebner, William Bamford,* C. H. Rorer, G. M. Brodhead, C. W. Green, O. W. Mintzer.*

4. Who are Discontinued?

Richard C. Patterson, at his own request.

5. Who are admitted into full connection?

R. S. DeBow, H. R. Robinson, William Redheffer, C. L. Gaul, C. S. Mervine, B. T. Callen, J. G. Bickerton, F. B. Lynch,† William Powick.

6. Who are Re-admitted?

None.

7. Who are received on Credentials from other Churches?

None.

8. What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?

R. S. DeBow, H. R. Robinson, William Redheffer, C. L. Gaul, C. S. Mervine, B. T. Callen, J. G. Bickerton, William Powick.

9. What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?

R. S. DeBow, H. R. Robinson, William Redheffer, C. L. Gaul, C. S. Mervine, B. T. Callen, J. G. Bickerton, William Powick.

10. What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?

G. W. Dungan, William Mullineaux, Arthur Oakes, J. R. Watkins.

11. What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?

G. W. Dungan, William Mullineaux, Arthur Oakes, J. R. Watkins.

12. Who are the Traveling Deacons of the First Class?

R. S. DeBow, H. R. Robinson, W. Redheffer, C. L. Gaul, C. S. Mervine, B. T. Callen, J. G. Bickerton, F. B. Lynch, William Powick, Kawamura Keichiro, Matsumoto Sogo.

13. Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?

W. D. Jones,* Henry Frankland, C. M. Boswell, Albert Mann, Jr., S. W. Smith, John McQuoid, Abe Sozo.*

14. What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?

George Gaul, W. H. Smith, W. H. Pickop, T. T. Mutchler, Cornelius Hudson.

15. What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?

George Gaul, W. H. Smith, W. H. Pickop, T. T. Mutchler, Cornelius Hudson.

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* Elder. † Deacon.

16. What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?

John Bell, Emanuel H. Toland.

17. What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?

John Bell, Emanuel H. Toland.

18. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

C. Karsner, J. H. Alday, J. Thompson, W. Trickett, S. R. Gillingham, R. Owen, T. S. Thomas, B. H. Sanderlin, H. B. Mauger, L. B. Hughes, I. R. Merrill, D. L. Patterson, E. H. Hoffman, W. C. Johnson, G. Oram, H. R. Calloway, S. H. Reisner, F. M. Collins, S. B. Best, J. S. Cook, J. C. Gregg, H. U. Sebring, W. H. Burrell.

With Work.—J. Neill, A. Wallace, A. Cather, J. Gregg.

19. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

P. Hallowell, J. D. Long, J. Carlile, J. Cummins, J. A. Watson, S. M. Cooper, W. Cooper, J. Shields, W. McCombs, A. Atwood.

20. Was the character of each Preacher Examined?

This was strictly done as the name of each Preacher was called in open Conference.

21. Have any Died?

Edmund L. Martin, April 10, 1882, at Williamstown, Pa.; Charles I. Thompson, January 4, 1883, near Phœnixville, Pa.

22. Have any been Transferred, and to what Conferences?

O. H. Tiffany, to the New York Conference; J. Todd and J. H. Hargis, to the Newark Conference; J. R. Boyle, to the Wilmington Conference.

23. Have any Withdrawn?

None.

24. Have any been Located at their own request?

T. T. Everett, R. A. Sadleir.

25. Have any been Located?

None.

26. Have any been permitted to withdraw under Charges?

None.

27. Have any been Expelled?

None.

28. Who are selected for Triers of Appeals?

W. J. Mills, E. I. D. Pepper, D. W. Gordon, T. Stevens, R. J Carson, J. F. Crouch, T. W. Maclary.

29. What is the Statistical Report?

(See tabulated statement.)

30. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?

Fifteen thousand eight hundred and twenty-three dollars.

31. What has been received on these Claims, and how has it been applied?

$11,141.95. (See Report of Preachers' Aid Society.)

32. Where are the Preachers stationed?

(See Appointments.)

33. Where shall the next Conference be held?

St. George's Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Daily Proceedings.

FIRST DAY—Wednesday, March 14th, 1883.

The Philadelphia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in its ninety-sixth session, in the Court House in the city of Lancaster, Pa., Wednesday, March 14th, 1883, at 9 A. M.

Bishop Thomas Bowman took the chair at the appointed hour.

The opening exercises were conducted by J. A. Roche, of the New York East Conference. He read part of the XIV Chapter of St. John, and announced Hymn 758, which was sung, after which he led the Conference in prayer.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. After making a short address, Bishop Bowman read the service, and administered the Communion to the Presiding Elders, and to those members of the Conference who were present who have been forty years or more in the ministry. The Communion was then administered to the Conference, a number of brethren assisting.

The roll of members was called by J. R. T. Gray, Secretary of the last Conference. One hundred and fifty-one answered to their names.

The Bishop presented the certificate of transfer of G. W. Miller from the Wilmington Conference.

On motion of W. L. Gray, J. R. T. Gray was re-elected Secretary by acclamation.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized to nominate his assistants.

He nominated the following:

Assistant Secretaries—S. G. Grove, S. W. Gehrett.
Statistical Secretaries—George W. Lybrand, Joseph S. Cook.
Financial Secretaries—Thomas Kirkpatrick, W. M. Ridgway.
Journal Secretary—N. B. Durell.

G. W. Lybrand having served the Conference as Statistical Secretary for thirty years, asked to be excused from further service.

W. L. McDowell was nominated in his place.

The nominations were confirmed.

C. J. Little moved that this Conference do gratefully recognize the long and efficient services of G. W. Lybrand in its statistical work.

The motion prevailed unanimously, by a rising vote.

On motion of W. J. Paxson, the Presiding Elders were authorized to nominate the Standing Committees.

The list was read by J. S. J. McConnell, and the nominations were confirmed. (See Standing Committees.)

On motion of J. Dickerson, C. J. Little was added to the Committee on Education.

J. F. Meredith was excused from serving on the Committee on Sunday-schools.

C. W. Bickley was appointed in his place.

On motion of A. Rittenhouse, a committee was ordered on the Sabbath, and one on the Methodist Orphanage, to be nominated by the Presiding Elders.

On motion of W. Swindells, a committee of five was ordered on the Indian question.

The rules of the last session were adopted for the present one.

The hour of opening the daily session was fixed at 9 A. M., and of adjournment at 12 M.

The bar of the Conference was fixed at the fifth row of seats from the front.

A communication from R. S. Rust, Corresponding Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society, was read by the Secretary, and referred to the Committee on Freedmen's Aid Society.

A communication received from the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund was referred to the Presiding Elders.

The Report of the Book Concern was presented. The communication from the Book Committee was read by the Secretary, and the report was referred to a special committee which was ordered.

The Bishop announced that the share of the Conference in the dividend of the Book Concern is $327, and on motion, a draft was ordered for the amount, in favor of the Trustees of the Preachers' Aid Society.

J. S. J. McConnell presented the Report of the Treasurer of the Centenary Fund, showing the amount of $300 to be subject to the order of the Conference. A draft for the amount in favor of the Trustees of the Preachers' Aid Society was ordered.

The following brethren were introduced: Revs. G. R. Crooks, D. D., G. W. Miller, S. Hunt, J. B. Tope, Judge J. B. Livingstone, Prof. B. F. Shaub.

On motion of W. L. Gray, Judge Livingstone was invited to occupy a seat with the members of the Conference.

The Twentieth Question, *Was the character of each preacher examined?* was taken up.

J. S. J. McConnell, Presiding Elder of the South Philadelphia District, was called, his character passed, and he presented and read a report of the state of the work on his district. (See Presiding Elders' Reports.)

The names of the effective elders of the South Philadelphia District were called, their characters passed, and they reported their missionary collections.

When the name of J. W. Jackson was called, the Presiding Elder read a short letter from him.

S. Hunt, one of the Book Agents, made a brief statement, after which R. McKay was appointed to canvass the Conference for subscribers to the Quarterly Review.

W. Swindells, Presiding Elder of the Northwest Philadelphia District, was called, his character passed, and he presented and read a report of the state of the work on his district. (See Presiding Elders' Reports.)

The names of a part of the Effective Elders of the Northwest Philadelphia District were called, their characters passed, and they reported their missionary collections.

When the name of T. T. Everett was called, a letter was presented from him and read by the Secretary, in which he asked that a location be granted him in view of the fact that he had accepted the position of Private Secretary to his Excellency, the Governor of Pennsylvania.

The consideration of the request was deferred until T. T. Everett should be present.

When the name of F. M. Collins was called, W. Swindells moved that he be granted a supernumerary relation at his own request, and that his case be referred to the Trustees of the Preachers' Aid Society. The motion prevailed.

When the name of H. A. Cleveland was called, the Presiding Elder declined to state "nothing against him," and desired to read an explanatory paper, to the reading of which C. J. Little objected.

The explanatory paper was read by W. Swindells.

W. J. Paxson presented the following:

Resolved, That while, in the judgment of this Conference, the action of Rev. H. A. Cleveland, in participating in the installation exercises of a Universalist Church, was unwise, yet in view of the whole of the facts in the case his character do now pass.

Time extended.

H. A. Cleveland addressed the Conference in reference to his alleged unwise action.

J. W. Bradley moved to amend the resolution by striking out the first part of it.

C. J. Little moved as a substitute for the whole that his character pass.

J. S. J. McConnell presented the following nominations, which were confirmed:

On Indian Question—T. C. Murphey, G. Cummins, J. Welch, E. B. Snyder, G. S. Broadbent.

On Sabbath—A. Rittenhouse, T. A. Fernley, G. Gaul, H. E. Gilroy.

On M. E. Orphanage—W. L. Gray, T. B. Neely, S. W. Thomas, D. W. Gordon.

On Report of Book Concern—G. G. Rakestraw, T. Stevens, J. B. Dobbins, W. H. Elliott, S. H. C. Smith.

On motion, adjourned.

Notices were given, the list of committees was called, the Doxology was sung, and the Benediction pronounced by J. S. J. McConnell.

SECOND DAY—Thursday, March 15th, 1883.

Conference convened at 9 A. M., Bishop Bowman in the chair.

Devotional services were conducted by T. S. Thomas

The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

W. J. Paxson presented the report of the Philadelphia Conference Education Society. Referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of T. A. Fernley, a committee of five was appointed on the Seamen's Friend Society.

Report of the President of Williamsport Dickinson Seminary was received and referred to the Committee on Education.

The roll of those absent at the session of yesterday was called, when forty members answered to their names.

On motion the further calling of the roll was dispensed with for the present session.

On motion of W. M. Ridgway, brethren arriving during the session were granted the privilege of having their names recorded.

Report of the President of Dickinson College received and referred to the Committee on Education.

The following were announced as the Committee on Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society: S. W. Thomas, T. A. Fernley, W. Downey, G. D. Carrow, R. W. Humphriss.

The Twentieth question was resumed.

The case of H. A. Cleveland was taken up.

The substitute pending at the adjournment of yesterday's session was withdrawn.

On motion of W. J. Paxson, the amendment to the resolution was laid on the table.

The resolution was then adopted. (See Journal of yesterday.)

The request of T. T. Everett that he be granted a location was taken up.

W. Swindells moved that his request for a location be granted.

W. H. Elliott moved, as a substitute, that he be granted a supernumerary relation.

W. H. Elliott was granted permission to speak a second time on the subject.

The substitute was lost by a count vote of 64 to 105.

The motion that T. T. Everett be granted a location was then adopted.

The names of the following effective Elders of the Northwest Philadelphia District were called, their characters passed and they reported their missionary collections. (See Journal.)

On motion of J. F. Crouch the order of the day was taken up.

The list of appointments was called and the preachers in charge presented their reports of statistics and benevolent contributions as provided for in the rules of the Conference.

The following brethren were introduced:

Rev. J. M. Buckley, D. D., Editor "Christian Advocate."

" J. C. Hartzell, D. D., Assistant Secretary Freedmen's Aid Society.

" C. H. Payne, D. D., President Ohio Wesleyan University.

J. M. Buckley, editor of the "Christian Advocate," addressed the Conference in reference to the interests of that paper.

W. J. Paxson presented the report of the President of Drew Theological Seminary. Referred to the Committee on Education.

Time extended.

J. C. Hartzell, Assistant Secretary of Freedmen's Aid Society, addressed the Conference in reference to the interests and work of that Society.

The following brethren were introduced:

J. Max Harx, of Moravian Church.

Rev. J. Y. Mitchell, D. D., of the Presbyterian Church.

On motion adjourned.

The list of Committees was called, notices were given, the Doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by J. Y. Mitchell.

THIRD DAY—Friday, March 16th, 1883.

Conference convened at 9 A. M., Bishop Bowman in the chair.

Devotional services were conducted by M. D. Kurtz.

The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

Report of Irving Female College, and Pennington Seminary, received and referred to the Committee on Education.

Report of Freedmen's Aid Society received, and referred to the Committee on Freedmen's Aid Society.

A letter from J. Shields was referred to the Trustees of the Preachers' Aid Society.

A letter from I. R Merrill, detained by personal and family sickness from the session of the Conference, was read by the Secretary.

The following resolution, offered by W. L. McDowell, was adopted:

> That the Committee on General Statistics be authorized to return for correction inaccurate statistical reports, and that the brethren to whom such reports may be returned be requested to make the necessary corrections without delay.

A communication from B. Frank Saylor, requesting the privilege of photographing the Conference in a body, on the steps of the Court House, was read by the Secretary.

On motion of T. A. Fernley, the privilege was granted, and a committee of two, viz: T. A. Fernley and C. F. Turner, was appointed to confer with Mr. Saylor as to time and place.

The Twentieth Question was then resumed.

The name of W. C. Webb being called, he reported his missionary collection as $2,084.44.

The name of J. M. Hinson, Presiding Elder of the North Philadelphia District, was called, his character passed, and he presented and read a report of the state of the work done on his district. (*See Report.*)

The names of the following Effective Elders of the North Philadelphia District were called, their characters passed, and they reported their missionary collections.

When the name of J. Pastorfield was called, the Presiding Elder stated that he had received the following charge against him:

Rev. M. Hinson, Presiding Elder.

Dear Brother:—The undersigned, a member of the M. E Church, complains of Rev. J. Pastorfield, pastor in charge of the M. E. Church at Port Richmond, for mal-administration as preacher in charge of said church, and presents the following charge:

Charge—Mal-Administration.

Specification I. The Rev. J. Pastorfield, pastor in charge of said church, did, on April 24th, 1882, in violation of the discipline, refuse to bring to trial, before a committee, Francis Shubert, a member of said church, accused of immoral conduct

Signed,

Bonaparte Shoe.

T. B. Neely moved, that in view of the fact that this charge is substantially the same as that passed upon by the Conference last year, we do not entertain it.

The motion prevailed, and the character of J. Pastorfield passed.

When the name of S. B. Best was called, J. M. Hinson moved that his relation be changed from Effective to Supernumerary, at his own request.

S. B. Best made a brief statement of the reasons which impelled him to make this request.

His request was granted

When the name of J S. Cook was called, J. M. Hinson moved that his relation be changed from Effective to Supernumerary, at his own request

J. S. Cook made a brief statement of his reasons for making this request.

His request was granted, and his case was referred to the favorable consideration of the Trustees of the Preachers' Aid Society.

When the name of M. H. Sisty was called, on motion of J. M. Hinson, his case was referred to the favorable consideration of the Trustees of the Preachers' Aid Society.

J B. Dobbins reported his missionary collection, $262.00.

The following resolution was adopted, after an address by C. C. McCabe:

Whereas, The General Conference has several times recognized the Metropolitan Church, at Washington, as a connectional church; and,

Whereas, An effort is now being made to pay that debt to the last dollar; and,

Whereas, Under promise that this would be done, the congregation of the Metropolitan Church have raised and paid $15,000 upon the debt of $47,500; therefore,

Resolved, That the Philadelphia Conference accepts an apportionment of two cents per member for the preachers and laity of the Conference, and pledge ourselves to raise this amount within sixty days after we reach our charges, and to forward the money to C. C. McCabe, 1026 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

J. Dickerson, Presiding Elder of the West Philadelphia District, was called, his

character passed, and he presented and read a report of the state of the work on his district.

The names of the Effective Elders of the West Philadelphia District were called, their characters passed, and they reported their missionary collections.

The following brethren reported their missionary collections: A. J. Amthor, $63.18; Maris Graves, $65; A. L. Urban, $34.50; A. L. Hood, $19.25; L. B. Brown, $90.

On motion of J. S. J. McConnell, the case of J. C. Gregg was referred to the favorable consideration of the Trustees of the Preachers' Aid Society.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders be authorized to apportion among the charges of their several districts the amount asked of this Conference for General Conference expenses.

The following brethren were introduced:

Rev. A. Craig, of the Newark Conference.
Norris, of the Rock River Conference.
Rev. M. A. Richards, now of this Conference.
" G. W. Seilhamer, of the Church of God.
" J. B. Shoemaker, of the Reformed Church.

The committee to arrange for the photographing of the Conference reported that it would take place at the close of the morning session.

Bishop Bowman presented the certificate of transfer of M. A. Richards from the Wilmington Conference.

On motion of J. Dickerson, the cases of A. Cather and H. R. Calloway were referred to the favorable consideration of the Trustees of the Preachers' Aid Society.

H. Wheeler presented and read the following petition:

To the Honorable the Senate and the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania:

Resolved, By the Philadelphia Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, composed of two hundred and sixty-five ministers, who are pastors of three hundred and thirty churches, having a membership of more than fifty thousand persons, residing within the State, that we respectfully and earnestly pray your honorable bodies to agree to submit to the electors of the Commonwealth an amendment to the Constitution of the State forbidding the manufacture or sale, or the keeping for sale, of any intoxicating liquor whatsoever to be used as a beverage.

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop and the Secretary are hereby instructed to certify a copy of this paper to each House, and forward them to the Senate and House of Representatives, with the request that they be read.

On motion of H. Wheeler, D. C. Babcock, Secretary of Pennsylvania State Temperance Society, was invited to address the Conference.

At the close of his address the resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

The following resolution, presented by S. W. Thomas, was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and referred to Committee on Orphanage:

Whereas, Colonel J. M. Bennett having added to his former gift of orphanage building and grounds, twenty acres of valuable land adjoining; therefore

Resolved, That we hereby express our sincere thanks for this expression of confidence in our church, in conferring upon us the ability to care for the orphan children that appeal to our Christian sympathy.

J. B. McCullough presented Report of Board of Managers of the Tract Society. Referred to the Committee on Tracts.

The Fourteenth Question was taken up: *What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*

The names of the members of the Class of the Fourth Year were called, their characters passed, they reported their missionary collections, the Examining Committee reported their examinations as satisfactory, the Presiding Elders represented, and they were elected to Elders' orders, as follows:

George Gaul, $25; W. H. Smith, $51.88; W. H. Pickop, $17.32; Thomas T. Mutchler, $48.50; Cornelius Hudson, $84.07.

S. W. Thomas presented the report of the Committee on Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society. (See Report.)

G. W. Maclaughlin, Corresponding Secretary of Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society, was invited to address the Conference in reference to the work of the Society.

After his address the report was adopted.

The Report of the President of Centenary Collegiate Institute was presented and referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of J. B. McCullough, a draft for $30 on the Chartered Fund was ordered.

Adjourned by time.

The list of committees was called, notices were given, the Doxology was sung, and the Benediction was pronounced by A. Craig.

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY, March 17th, 1883.

Conference convened at 9 A. M., Bishop Bowman in the chair.

Devotional services were conducted by A. Atwood.

Journal of yesterday's session read and approved

At the request of S Hunt, G. Gaul was appointed a committee to assist him in his work in the Conference.

The Tenth Question was taken up: *What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*

The Presiding Elders presented the necessary recommendations, the Examining Committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented, and the following were elected to Deacon's orders.

Geo. W. Dungan ($16.09) recommended by Quarterly Conference of Tannersville; Wm. Mullineaux, recommended by Quarterly Conference of Mt. Zion, Manayunk; Arthur Oakes, ($11.72) recommended by Quarterly Conference of Tower City Circuit; John R. Watkins, recommended by Quarterly Conference of Cochranville and Friendship. Wm. Vanderherchen ($13.55) recommended by Quarterly Conference of Redington and Friedensville, was not elected.

The Sixteenth Question was taken up: *What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?*

The Presiding Elders presented the necessary recommendations, the Examining Committee reported, and the following were elected to Elder's orders:

John Bell, ($6.00,) recommended by Quarterly Conference of Boyertown; Emanuel H. Toland, recommended by Quarterly Conference of Scott charge.

W. Swindells presented a recommendation for recognition of the Elder's Orders of William Bamford, from the Quarterly Conference of Temple and New Bethel charge, and moved that he be recognized as a Local Elder

The motion prevailed.

The Fifth Question was taken up: *Who are admitted into full connection?*

The members of the Class of the Second year were called before the Conference, all being present except Wm. Powick, who was absent attending the funeral of his only

child; and after a suggestive and forcible address by the Bishop, they answered the usual Disciplinary Questions in the affirmative, with the exception of the last, which R. S. DeBow declined to answer in the affirmative, on the ground that he had been advised by physicians to use tobacco.

The following were then admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's orders :—

Robt. S. DeBow, ($130.50), Henry R. Robinson, ($17.50), Wm. Redheffer, ($18.32), Christian L. Gaul, ($63.00), Charles S. Mervine, ($15.00), Benjamin T. Callen, ($8.00), Jabez B. Bickerton, ($5.00.)

Frank B. Lynch, ($40.00) being a Deacon, was admitted into full connection.

The case of Wm. Powick was deferred.

Kawamura Keichiro and Matsumoto Sogo, during the year, were transferred by Bishop Peck to the Detroit Conference, were admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's orders, and were re-transferred to this Conference.

The report of Pennington Seminary was presented and referred to the Committee on Education.

The following brethren were introduced .

Rev. J. A. McCauley, D. D., President of Dickinson College.
" D. P. Kidder, D. D., Cor. Sec. of Board of Education.
" Thomas Hanlon, D. D., President of Pennington Seminary.
" E. V. Gearhart, D. D., Prest. of Reformed Theological Seminary.
" Rev. F. A. Gast, Prof. in Reformed Theological Seminary.
" J. A. Peters, Pastor of First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa.
" C. Reimensnyder, of the Lutheran Church.
" W. R. Norris, Pastor of African M. E. Church.

Rev. D. P. Kidder, Cor. Sec. of the Board of Education of the M. E. Church, addressed the Conference in reference to the interests of his work.

J. B. McCullough announced that the Trustees of the Preachers' Aid Society had received from Geo. D. McCreary, Esq., the sum of $86.23 additional, and from Chas. Scott, Esq., $500.

On motion of T. B. Neely, the hearty thanks of the Conference were extended to G. D. McCreary and Chas. Scott for their liberal donations, by a rising vote.

J. Todd presented report of Treasurer of Educational Fund, together with nominations of Trustees of Educational Fund to fill vacancies in the Board. The Report was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mrs. R. S. Rust, Cor. Sec. of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in reference to the interests of the Society.

The Conference proceeded to ballot for Trustees of the Education Fund. The nominations were,—to fill vacancy caused by the death of C. I. Thompson, D. W. Gordon and A. Longacre; to fill the place of A. Rittenhouse whose term has expired, A. Rittenhouse and J. F. Crouch.

T. Kirkpatrick, W. Downey, J. W. Sayers and R. McKay were appointed tellers.

On motion of W. J. Paxson, the tellers were granted permission to collect the ballots, and announce the result on Monday morning.

On motion of G. Cummins, 2.30 P. M., on Tuesday was fixed as the time for holding Memorial services. On motion adjourned.

The Committee on public worship presented their report. The list of Committees was called, notices were given, the doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by J. A. McCauley, D. D.

FIFTH DAY—Monday, March 19th, 1883.

Conference convened at 9 A. M., Bishop Bowman in the chair.

Devotional services were conducted by T. C. Murphey.

Journal of Saturday's session read and approved.

J. S. J. McConnell presented report of apportionment of the Episcopal Fund. (*See Report.*) The report was adopted.

The tellers presented the following report of the result of the ballot for Trustees of Education Fund:

To fill vacancy occasioned by the death of C. I. Thompson, A. Longacre 57 votes, D. W. Gordon 35; to fill place of A. Rittenhouse, whose term has expired, A. Rittenhouse 65, J. F. Crouch 28.

A. Longacre and A. Rittenhouse were declared elected.

Wm. Powick, of the class of the Second year, who was necessarily absent from the session of Saturday, was called before the Conference, he reported his Missionary collection, and answered the usual Disciplinary Questions in the affirmative.

The Examining Committee reported, the Presiding Elder represented, and W. Powick was admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's orders.

A copy of the Senate Bill of the proposed Constitutional Amendment, prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or keeping of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, was presented and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The Thirteenth Question was taken up:—*Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?*

The names of the members of the class of the third year were called, their characters passed, the examining committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented and they were passed as deacons of the Second Class:

Wm. D. Jones, Henry Frankland, Charles M. Boswell, Albert Mann, Jr., Samuel W. Smith, John McQuoid, Abe Sozo.

The Eighteenth Question was taken up:—*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

The names of the following were called, their characters passed, and they were continued as supernumerary:

C. Karsner, J. H. Alday, J. Thompson, W. Trickett, S. R. Gillingham, R. Owen, T. S. Thomas, B. H. Sanderlin, H. B. Mauger, L. B. Hughes, I. R. Merrill, D. L. Patterson, E. H. Hoffman, W. C. Johnson, G. Oram, H. R. Calloway, S. H. Reisner.

The relation of W. H. Burrell was changed from supernumerary to supernumerary with work. With Work—J. Neill, A. Wallace, A. Cather, J. Gregg.

The relation of A. Atwood was changed to superannuated, at his own request.

The relation of J. Mason was changed from supernumerary to effective.

When the name of G. Oram was called, W. Swindells read extracts from a letter written by him.

The relation of H. H. Bodine was changed from supernumerary to effective.

The following, on motion made and carried in each case, were referred to the favorable consideration of the Trustees of the Preachers' Aid Society: H. B. Mauger, D. L. Patterson, S. H. Reisner, Joseph Gregg, G. Oram, L. B. Hughes.

The relation of J. C. Gregg was changed from effective to supernumerary at his own request.

The relation of H. U. Sebring was changed from effective to supernumerary, at his own request.

W. J. Paxson presented the report of the Committee on Education. (*See Report.*)

The Secretary read that part of it in reference to Dickinson College.

Pending the motion to adopt this part of the report, President McCauley addressed the Conference in reference to the interests of the College, and its proposed endowment.

That part of the report was then adopted.

That part of the report in reference to Drew Theological Seminary was read, and after an address by G. R. Crooks, was adopted.

The part relating to Pennington Seminary was read, and after an address by President Hanlon, was adopted.

That part relating to the Williamsport Dickinson Seminary was read, and after a brief address by the Bishop, was adopted.

That part relating to the Education Fund was read and adopted.

That part relating to the Board of Education was read and adopted.

The Report was then adopted as a whole.

The following brethren were introduced:

Rev. R. S. Rust, D. D., Corresponding Secretary Freedmen's Aid Society; Rev. C. H. Fowler, D. D., one of the Missionary Secretaries.

C. H. Fowler addressed the Conference in reference to the Missionary work of the Church.

The Nineteenth Question was taken up: *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

The names of the following were called, their characters passed, and they were continued as superannuated:

Peter Hallowell, J. D. Long, J. Carlile, J. Cummins, J. A. Watson, S. M. Cooper, W. Cooper, J. Shields, W. McCombs. Letters from P. Hallowell, J. Cummins, J. Shields and J. D. Long, together with certificates of Christian character and ministerial standing, were read by the Secretary.

The following resolution, offered by W. Swindells, was adopted:

Resolved, That the list of recommendations for Admission on Trial be called, and the applicants be introduced to the Conference.

Time extended.

The following were introduced:

Rufus D. Naylor, Anthony A. Thompson, North Philadelphia District.

Frederick B. Nixon, James S. McKinley, Stephen H. Evans, G. Bickley Burns, Geo. E. Kleinhenn, John Bell, North-west Philadelphia District.

Hiram J. Illick, David T. Smyth, William W. Cookman, West Philadelphia District.

Nathaniel W. Clark, Jacob E. Grauley, William C. Graff, South Philadelphia District.

On motion of J. B. Dobbins, Duke St. M. E. Church was fixed as the place of holding the Memorial Services.

The following brethren were introduced:

Rev. Robert Gamble and Rev. Calvin N. Stewart, D. D., of the Presbyterian Church.

On motion, resolved that, when we adjourn it be to meet, at 2.30 P. M., at Duke St. Church, to hear the Missionary Sermon.

A communication of thanks to the Conference for giving him the opportunity to photograph the body, together with a copy of the picture, was received from B. Frank Saylor.

On motion of T. A. Fernley, the picture was ordered to be placed in the safe-keeping of the Historical Society.

Bishop Bowman presented the following Certificates of Ordination:

DEACONS.

This certifies that I have this day ordained Robert S. DeBow, Henry R. Robinson, William Redheffer, Christian L. Gaul, Charles S. Mervine, Benjamin T. Callen, Jabez B. Bickerton, George W. Dungan, William Mullineaux, Arthur Oakes, John R. Watkins, Deacons in the Church of God.

LANCASTER, March 18th, 1883. THOMAS BOWMAN.

ELDERS.

This certifies that, assisted by several elders, I have this day ordained George Gaul, William H. Smith, William H. Pickop, Thomas T Mutchler, Cornelius Hudson, John Bell, Emanuel H. Toland, Elders in the Church of God.

LANCASTER, March 18, 1883. THOMAS BOWMAN.

On motion adjourned.

The list of Committees was called, notices were given, the doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by R. S. Rust.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened in Duke St. M. E. Church at 2.30 P. M.

J. Mason in the chair, by appointment of Bishop Bowman.

G. Cummins announced the 919th Hymn, which was sung by the congregation.

G. D. Carrow led in prayer.

J. Morrow read Ezek. xlvii: 1-12.

J. T. Satchell announced the 932nd Hymn, and after it had been sung, preached the Annual Missionary Sermon, from Mal. i. 11: "For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts."

The closing prayer was offered by G. Cummins.

The following resolution, offered by W. J. Paxson, was adopted by a rising vote:

> *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Conference be, and are hereby tendered to our brother, the Rev. J. T. Satchell, for the able and eloquent Missionary Sermon to which we have just listened, and that the question of its publication be referred to the favorable consideration of the Managers of the Missionary Society of this Conference.

W. J. Paxson moved that, after the singing of the hymn, the Conference adjourn. Carried.

Hymn 936 was announced by G. Cummins.

After it had been sung, the benediction was pronounced by C. H. Fowler.

SIXTH DAY—TUESDAY, March 20th, 1883.

Conference convened at 9 A. M., Bishop Bowman in the chair.

Devotional services conducted by T. A. Fernley.

Minutes of yesterday's morning and afternoon sessions read and approved.

The certificate of transfer of S. M. Vernon from the South East Indiana Conference was presented by Bishop Bowman.

F. A. Gilbert was excused from further attendance on account of sickness in his family.

The Third Question taken up: *Who remain on Trial?*

The members of the Class of the First Year were called, they reported their missionary collections, the Examining Committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented, and they were continued on trial, as follows:

Joseph H. Smith, J. D. Martin, Arthur Oakes, C. Edgar Adamson, George W. Dungan, Harry Hess, Albert N. Millison, Alfred Heebner, William Bamford, Charles H. Rorer, George M. Brodhead, Charles W. Green, Olin W. Mintzer.

Richard C. Patterson was discontinued at his own request.

J. M. Hinson read a communication from F. A. Riggins, Superintendent of Montana Mission, requesting the ordination of Olin W. Mintzer as Elder, under the missionary rule.

Olin W. Mintzer was elected to Elder's orders under the missionary rule.

The Second Question was taken up: *Who are Admitted on Trial?*

The necessary recommendations were presented, the Examining Committee and the Committee on General Qualifications reported, the Presiding Elders represented, and the following were admitted on trial:

Rufus D. Naylor, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Richboro' and Penn's Park; Frederick B. Nixon, recommended by the District Conference of Newark District, Newark Conference; Stephen H. Evans, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Hamburg and Port Clinton; Oliver E. Stogden, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Montgomery Square; George B. Burns, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Jenkintown; George E. Kleinhenn, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Cressona; John Bell, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Boyertown; Hiram J. Illick, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of New Holland and Bareville; David T. Smyth, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Atglen and Mount Pleasant; William W. Cookman, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Asbury; Nathaniel W. Clark, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Stanhope and Waterloo, Newark Conference; Jacob E. Grauley, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Lima and Howellville; William C. Graff, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Washington.

On motion, the Presiding Elder was granted permission to withdraw the recommendation of Anthony A. Thompson, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of East Montgomery avenue, and was granted permission to employ him.

When the name of Frederick B. Nixon was called, J. B. McCullough moved that the Presiding Elder be permitted to withdraw the recommendation, and that he be permitted to employ him. The motion did not prevail, and he was admitted.

When the name of James S. McKinley, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Carlisle, Central Pennsylvania Conference, was called, on motion of S. W. Thomas, the Presiding Elder was granted permission to withdraw the recommendation, and to employ him.

On motion, it was resolved to hold the Anniversary of the Sunday-school Union in the Court House.

On motion, the Financial Secretaries were directed to pay to Dr. Rust the collection for Freedmen's Aid Society.

On motion, resolved that when we adjourn it be to meet in Duke Street Church at 2.30 P. M. for memorial services.

Bishop Bowman appointed W. H. Elliott to preside at the afternoon session.

On motion, adjourned.

The list of committees was called, notices were given, the Doxology was sung, and the Benediction pronounced by C. F. Turner.

Afternoon Session.

Conference convened at 3 P. M., in Duke Street M. E. Church, for the purpose of holding the memorial services.

W. H. Elliott in the chair, by appointment of Bishop Bowman.

T. C. Murphey announced and read hymn 1050, beginning

"Forever with the Lord."

After the hymn had been sung, J. A. Watson led the Conference in prayer.

J. Mason read the Scripture Lesson, Job xiv and 1 Thes., part of 4th chapter.

G. Cummins announced and read the 1046th hymn, beginning

"The heavenly treasure now we have,
In a vile house of clay."

The memoir of Edmund L. Martin, prepared by A. L. Urban, was read by the Secretary. (*See Memoirs.*)

A. L. Urban briefly spoke of his personal relations with Bro. Martin.

The stanza beginning "O, how sweet it will be, in that beautiful land," was sung.

W. J. Mills spoke of the personal and ministerial characteristics of Bro. Martin.

D. M. Young spoke of the earnestness and success of Bro. Martin's ministry.

G. L. Schaffer spoke of his personal purity, and the satisfactoriness of his religious life. The stanza "To serve the present age, &c.," was sung.

T. Stevens spoke of the excellence, the modesty, and the purity of the character of Bro. Martin in private life.

I. M. Gable spoke of his relation to Bro. Martin during his last illness.

W. L. Gray spoke of the zeal of Bro. Martin in seeking to save souls, and of his personal and domestic qualities.

T. B. Neely spoke of his scholarship and studiousness.

On motion of T. A. Fernley, the memoir of Edmund L. Martin was adopted as read, by a rising vote.

The memoir of Charles I. Thompson, prepared by T. C. Murphey, was read by the Secretary. (*See Memoirs.*)

The stanza beginning "O that each in the day of His coming may say," was sung.

T. C. Murphey spoke of the great success which attended the ministry of Bro. Thompson, and of his ability in training those brought to Christ.

W. L. Gray spoke of his manliness, gentleness, purity and consecration to Christ.

C. F. Turner spoke of his close relationship to Bro. Thompson, and his noble characteristics, of his clear head and warm heart, and of the deep affection of the congregation of Duke Street for him.

The stanza beginning "And if our fellowship below," was sung.

J. W. Sayers spoke of the gratitude which he felt toward Bro. Thompson for the interest which he had taken in him.

S. M. Cooper alluded to the fact that he had been in Baltimore at the time of the great revival, at which Bro. Thompson was converted, and of the earnest work which he did at a camp-meeting a year later.

G. Cummins spoke of his association with Bro. Thompson, and of the privileges and profitableness of that association. He alluded to the pervasiveness of his piety, and his loyalty as a Methodist.

The stanza "Shall we meet beyond the river," was sung.

A. Rittenhouse spoke of Bro. Thompson's loyalty to his country at great cost to himself, of his guilelessness, and of his intellectual character.

On motion of W. J. Paxson, the memoir of C. I. Thompson, as read, was adopted by a rising vote.

On motion, adjourned.

Benediction by S. Barnes.

SEVENTH DAY—Wednesday, March 21st, 1883.

Conference convened at 9 A. M., Bishop Bowman in the chair.

Devotional services conducted by M. H. Sisty.

Journal of yesterday's morning and afternoon sessions read and approved.

The following resolution, offered by W. J. Paxson, was adopted:

> *Resolved*, That no business shall be brought forward by the Bishop or the Presiding Elders until all the reports of committees have been presented and acted upon.

Bishop Bowman announced the transfer of O. H. Tiffany to the New York Conference, J. Todd and J. H. Hargis to the Newark Conference, and J. R. Boyle to the Wilmington Conference.

W. L. Gray presented the report of the committee to prepare a testimonial to G. W. Lybrand. (See Reports.)

A check for $200 was presented to Brother Lybrand, who responded in a short address, returning thanks for this expression of kindly regard and love.

The report was then adopted by a rising vote.

Report of the Committee on Bible Cause was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday-schools was presented, read, and adopted.

On motion of W. Swindells, the action of the Conference fixing the relation of W. H. Burrell as supernumerary, with work, was reconsidered.

W. H. Burrell was then continued as supernumerary.

On motion of J. M. Hinson, R. A. Sadleir was granted a location at his own request.

Report of Tract Committee was presented, read, and adopted.

The following resolution was offered by W. J. Paxson:

> *Resolved*, That the Managers of the Philadelphia Conference Tract Society be, and are hereby requested to nominate to this Conference, at each annual session hereafter, double the number of ministers necessary to fill the vacancies occurring in the Board.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was then adopted.

Report of Committee on Temperance was presented, read and, after verbal amendment, adopted.

On motion of J. S. J. McConnell, the publication of the report of the Committee on Church Extension, in the annual minutes, was ordered.

Report of Committee on Freedmen's Aid presented, read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Woman's Foreign Missionary Society presented, read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Woman's Home Missionary Society presented, read and adopted.

The following resolution, offered by S. Barnes, was adopted:

> *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the late Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union, be directed to pass over whatever moneys are in his hands to the Treasurer of The Woman's Home Missionary Society

Report of Commiteee on Necessitous Cases, together with apportionment for next year, was presented and read by J. F. Crouch Adopted.

J. B. McCullough presented and read report of the Treasurer of Preachers' Aid Society. (See Report) Adopted.

The Presiding Elders submitted the following nominations:

Ministerial Trustee of Preachers' Aid Society, for full term of five years, John F. Meredith, Robert J. Carson.

Lay Trustees for the full term of three years: Benjamin Schofield, Jr., Robert Thomas. Lay Trustee for the term of two years, Charles Scott.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to cast the ballot of the Conference for the nominees for Lay Trustees. He did so, and Benjamin Schofield, Jr., and Robert Thomas were declared elected for full term of three years; and Charles Scott, for the term of two years.

On motion of R. J Carson, the Secretary was directed to cast the ballot of the Conference for Jno. F. Meredith. He did so, and Jno. F. Meredith was declared elected for the full term of five years.

Report of the Committee on General Statistics was read by the Secretary.

Report of Finance Committee was read by the Secretary.

Report of Committee to Collect and Arrange Missionary Statistics was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Indian Question was presented, read and adopted.

A collection for the janitor of the Court House, and the sexton of the Duke Street M. E. Church, was taken, amounting to $74.00.

The time was extended.

Judge D. W. Patterson, of Lancaster, was introduced.

Report of Committee on Sabbath, was presented and read.

The following amendment offered by M. H. Sisty, was adopted:

> The Managers of Simpson Grove Camp-Meeting Association have guarded carefully the sacredness of the Sabbath. No excursion tickets are issued on that day. Nothing is sold on the Sabbath, not even meals. It is a church in the wilderness. The charter forbids any dividends to stockholders. The net profits go to pay debts on churches and parsonages, or to build new ones.

The report as amended, was then adopted.

Report of Committee on Orphanage was presented, read and adopted.

A motion to adjourn was lost.

Second collection was ordered and taken, amounting to $31.00, making a total of $105.00.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Mount Moriah Ministerial Burial Lot, together with nominations for Trustees, was presented. Report was read and adopted.

The Trustees, as nominated, were elected to serve for the ensuing three years: S W. Thomas, T. W. Simpers, H. E. Gilroy. *Laymen:* T. W. Price, D. H. Bowen, P Lamb, H. C. Shurtleff.

Report of the Committee on Book Concern presented, read and adopted.

William Swindells presented and read report of Board of Home Mission and Sustentation.

Report adopted and permission granted, as requested.

J. S. J. McConnell presented nominations of Examining and Visiting Committees, the Conference Board of Church Extension, and Triers of Appeals, and they were confirmed.

The Thirty-third Question was taken up: *Where shall the next Conference be held?*

J. Welch presented an invitation from the Board of Trustees of St. George's M. E. Church, Philadelphia.

The invitation was accepted, and St. George's, Philadelphia, chosen as the place of holding the next session.

W. Swindells presented a memorial from Tabernacle Church in reference to a proposed amendment of the Discipline requiring the approval of a license to preach by the Annual Conference, which was received and ordered to be placed on file.

The following resolution, offered by W. Swindells, was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to secure the incorporation of the Philadelphia Conference.

The following were appointed: W. Swindells, J. S. J. McConnell, J. Dickerson, J. M. Hinson, W. J. Paxson, J. Welch, J. B. McCullough.

The following resolution, offered by T. B. Neely, was adopted:

Resolved, That next year the Committee on Studies report, not only to the Conference, but also to the Committee on General Qualifications of Candidates for Admission on Trial, so that the latter committee may, in its report, take said examination into their consideration, and present to the Conference the names of the candidates in the order of general merit and fitness, so that the Conference may first vote upon and select the best.

The following resolution, offered by T. C. Murphey, was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to convey to our beloved and afflicted brother, Rev. Wm. McCombs, the assurance of our deep affection and sympathy, and of our earnest prayers that he may experience the abundant consolations of the Gospel.

The following were appointed the committee: T. C. Murphey, S. W. Thomas, M. H. Sisty, W. H. Elliott, W. C. Robinson.

The following resolution, offered by T. B. Neely, was adopted:

WHEREAS, Our brethren, the Rev. Jacob Todd, D. D, Rev. James H. Harges, Rev. J. R. Boyle, and Rev. O. H. Tiffany, D. D., have been transferred from this Conference, therefore

Resolved, That we hereby express our regret at their removal from our midst, and extend to them our best wishes for their continued prosperity, and assure them of a hearty welcome should they be returned to our body.

The following resolution, offered by T. B. Neely, was adopted:

Resolved, That we send our fraternal greetings to our brethren, I. H. Correll, J. Blackledge, and C. W. Green, and assure them that, in their work, in the distant land of Japan, they have our best wishes and prayers that their health may long be preserved, and that success may attend their efforts.

The following resolution, offered by T. A. Fernley, was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the Ninety-sixth Annual Session of the Philadelphia Conference of the M. E. Church, has been most admirably accommodated in the spacious and convenient Court House. Our thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to the Honorable Judges, the learned Attorneys, and to the County Commissioners of Lancaster, and citizens generally, for the liberal grant of their Court House in which our sessions and anniversaries have been held.

Resolved, That a copy of this action be properly engrossed by our Secretary, and presented to the Honorable Judges of the Court of Lancaster, and to the Commissioners of the County.

The following resolution, offered by T. A. Fernley, was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That our thanks are presented to our friends in the City of Lancaster, members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and other Churches, for their generous hospitality and noble hearted entertainment granted to the members of the Conference, either in their own happy homes or in the hotels of the city.

The following resolution, offered by T. A. Fernley, was adopted:

Resolved, That we present our thanks to the pastors, trustees, and Local Committee, for the very satisfactory arrangement made.

The following resolution, offered by T. C. Murphey, was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the presence of our beloved Bishop Bowman among us, and the spirit and manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Conference, have given us great satisfaction.

W. J. Paxson moved, that after the ordination of W. Powick, and the reading of the appointments, the Conference stand adjourned without day.

The motion prevailed.

Journal read and approved.

Bishop Bowman solemnly ordained W. Powick a Deacon in the Church of God.

Bishop Bowman presented the following Certificate:

This certifies that I have this day ordained William Powick, a Deacon in the Church of God.

Lancaster, March 21st, 1883. THOS. BOWMAN.

Bishop Bowman briefly addressed the Conference, and announced the appointments. (*See Appointments.*)

The doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Bowman.

THOMAS BOWMAN, *President.*

JOS. R. TAYLOR GRAY, *Secretary.*

NOTE.—Owing to the fact that the General Conference of 1884 will be held in Philadelphia, it was thought advisable to change the place of holding the present session of the Annual Conference from Union Church, Philadelphia, to Lancaster, Pa.

The change was made in accordance with the provision of the Discipline.

SECRETARY.

Appointments.

North Philadelphia District.

J. M. Hinson, Presiding Elder.

			YEAR.
Philadelphia—	Bridesburg	Thos. Harrison	3
"	Bustleton	W. Coffman	1
"	Cambria Street	R. S. DeBow	3
"	Cohocksink	W. S. Pugh	1
"	Cumberland Street	N. Frame	2
"	Eden	W. D. Jones	3
"	East Montgomery Ave	C. W. Bickley	2
"	Fifth Street	J. R. T. Gray	3
"	Frankford, Central	P. J. Cox	1
"	" Frankford Ave	Wm. H. Schaffer	1
"	" Orthodox Street	A Mann, Jr	1
"	" *Paul Street	Wm. Swindells	1
"	" Aramingo	To be supplied by E Somers	1
"	Front Street	S. T. Kemble	3
"	Hancock Street	J. F. Meredith	3
"	Holmesburg	T. Kirkpatrick	3
"	Kensington	Theo. Stevens	3
"	Norris Square	A. Johnson	3
"	Port Richmond	J. Pastorfield	2
"	St. George's	S. Barnes	1
"	St. John's	J. W. Langley	3
"	Sanctuary	To be supplied	
"	Siloam	S W. Kurtz	1
"	Somerton	To be supplied by F. F. Bond	1
"	Summerfield	W. M. Gilbert	1
"	Sepviva	To be supplied by D. L. Patterson	1
"	Tacony	H. T. Quigg	1
Allentown		W. P. Howell	1
Bangor		J. Bawden	1
Bethlehem		J. Dyson	1
Bristol		H. E. Gilroy	3
Catasauqua		S. O. Garrison	3
Chapman's		Alfred Heebner	2
Cherry Valley		H. Frankland	1
Delaware Water Gap		To be supplied by R. S. Staples	1
Easton		S. H. Hoover	3
East Mauch Chunk		R. D. Naylor	1
East Stroudsburg		Wm. Major	2
Friedensville and Redington		To be supplied by J. Blakeley	1
Glendon and Odenweld		F. B. Lynch	2
Lahaska and Lumberville		W. F. Sheppard	1
Langhorne and Scottville		F. B. Harvey	1
Lehighton		J. H. Wood	1
Mauch Chunk		L. B. Hoffman	2
Morrisville		To be supplied	
Neshaminy and Bensalem		F. A. Gilbert	1
Nesquehoning		O. R. Cook	3
New Hope		G. Read	2
Newtown		G. W. North	1

		YEAR.
Packerton and Beaver Run	To be supplied by B. F. Powell	1
Parryville and Slatington	F. Illman	1
Portland	H. White	2
Quakertown	A. M. Wiggins	2
Raubsville	J. H. Smith	2
Richboro' and Penn's Park	To be supplied	
Richmond	G. Mack	3
South Easton	W. T. Magee	2
Spragueville	L. M. Hobbs	3
Stroudsburg	G. Heacock	2
Tannersville	G. W. Dungan	3
Tobyhanna	S. Horwell	3
Tullytown	B. T. Callen	2
Emilie and Falsington	M. H. Sisty	2
Yardleyville	To be supplied	

O. W. Mintzer, Missionary to Montana.

Northwest Philadelphia District.

JOSEPH WELSH, PRESIDING ELDER.

			YEAR.
Philadelphia—	Chestnut Hill	T. W. Simpers	1
"	Columbia Avenue	J. W. Sayers	1
"	Cookman	R. McKay	1
"	Falls of Schuylkill	E. Pickersgill	1
"	Franklinville	C. S. Mervine	2
"	Germantown, Haines St	E. B. Snyder	1
"	" Mt. Pleasant Av.	H. R. Robinson	1
"	" St. Stevens	W. C. Best	1
"	Grace	W. C. Webb	2
"	Manayunk, Ebenezer	T. M. Jackson	2
"	" Mt. Zion	W. J. Mills	2
"	Memorial	D. M Gordon	1
"	Milestown	J. J. Timanus	2
"	Mount Carmel	H. F. Isett	2
		A. Wallace, sup	1
"	Park Avenue	E. C. Griffiths	2
"	Roxborough, Central	T. A. Fernley	2
"	" Ridge Avenue	J. B. Graff	2
"	St. James	S. W. Gehrett	1
"	Tabernacle	J. Morrow	3
"	Tioga	J. O. Wilson	3
"	Trinity	S. M. Vernon	1
		James Neill, sup	2
"	Twentieth Street	S. N. Chew	1
"	Twenty-Ninth Street	J. P. Miller	3
"	West Park Avenue	R. J. Carson	1
Bethel		T. T. Mutchler	1
Birdsboro'		E. E. Burriss	2
Boyertown		J. D. Martin	1
Cedarville Circuit		W. Bamford	2
Cheltenham		T. C. Pearson	1
Conshohocken		S. Pancoast	2
Cressona		G. E. Kleinhenn	1
Cumbola and New Philadelphia		To be supplied	1
Doylestown		W. H. Pickop	1
Evansburg		F. B. Nixon	1
Gilberton Circuit		J. McQuoid	1
		H. Hess	2
Girardville		P. S. Merrill	1

		YEAR.
Hatboro'	M. A. Day	1
Hamburg and Port Clinton	S. H. Evans	2
Jarrettown Circuit	G. L. Schaffer	1
Jenkintown	G. B. Burns	1
Lansdale	J. G. Bickerton	1
Mahanoy City	W. H. Fries	2
Minersville	R. Turner	2
Montgomery Square	O. E. Stogden	1
Norristown, First Church	W. L Gray	1
" Haws Ave	W. H. Smith	2
" Oak Street	G. W. F. Graff	1
North Wales	H. H. Bodine	1
Phœnixville	T. C. Murphey	2
Port Carbon	A. F. Dotterer	1
Pottstown	J. S. Hughes	1
Pottsville	B. T. Vincent	2
Reading, Covenant	H. A Cleveland	2
" Ebenezer	T. B. Neely, J. Gregg sup	2
" St. Peter's	J. B. Dobbins	2
St. Clair	W. Mullin	1
St. Paul's Circuit	J. Sampson	3
Shenandoah	W. L. McDowell	3
Spring City	N. D. McComas	2
Tamaqua	T. M. Griffith	3
Valley Forge	To be supplied by T. K. Peterson	2
William Penn	C. M. Simpson	2

J. B. McCullough, Corresponding Secretary, Philadelphia Conference Tract Society, member of Haines Street Quarterly Conference.

West Philadelphia District.

J. Dickerson, Presiding Elder.

		YRAR.
Philadelphia—Asbury	J. Lindemuth	3
	A. Cather, sup	1
" Belmont	J. E. Kessler	2
" Centenary	W. B. Wood	1
" Central	E. I. D. Pepper	3
" Christ Church	H. Wheeler	2
" Emmanuel	R. Whinna	1
" Emory	S. Irwin	1
" Epworth	To be supplied by J. Vannote	2
" Fletcher	A. L. Urban	1
" Fortieth Street	G. D. Carrow	2
" Green Street	M. A. Richards	1
" Haddington	C. Hudson	1
" Nazareth	C. F. Turner	1
" Nineteenth Street	S. W. Thomas	3
" Spring Garden Street	G. W. Miller	1
" Twelfth Street	J. F. Crouch	1
" Western	W. C. Robinson	1
Atglen and Mount Pleasant	D. T. Smyth	1
Berrysburg	To be supplied by C. B. Johnstone	1
Bethesda and Mount Pleasant	E. Devine	1
Bird-in-Hand	J. R. Bailey	3
Bryn Mawr	F. H. Moore	1
Charlestown	A W. Quimby	1
Churchtown and Morgantown	W. W. Cookman	1
Coatesville	A. L. Wilson	1
Cornwall	W. M. Ridgway	3

		YEAR.
Coventryville	J. A. Cooper.	1
Dauphin	W. H. Aspril	2
Devon	To be supplied	
Downingtown	G. G. Rakestraw	3
Georgetown and Gap	L. D. McClintock	1
Glen Moore	G. Gaul	3
Good Will	W. Redheffer	3
Grove	W. Rink	3
Halifax	J. W. Bradley	2
Hibernia and Thorndale Circuit	J. Bell	1
Hopewell	J. W. Geiger	3
Hummelstown	G. Alcorn	1
Lancaster—First Church and Missions	J. T. Satchell	1
	W. Powick	1
	One to be supplied	
" St. Paul's	A. I. Collom	3
Lebanon	W. H. Elliott	2
Lower Merion	To be supplied by A. W. Prettyman	1
Lykens and Wiconisco	I. M. Gable, 2; C. L. Gaul	2
Manada	To be supplied by W. H. Zweizig	1
Millersburg	E. C. Yerkes	1
Mount Joy	T. Montgomery	1
New Holland and Bareville	H. I. Illick	1
Parkesburg and Pomeroy	J. T. Gray	1
Pine Grove	S. G. Grove	1
Radnor	C. Roads	1
Salem	E. Townsend	1
Springfield and Harmony	J. O'Neill	2
Swatara and Branchdale	To be supplied by I. L. Myers	2
Tower City	A. Oakes	2
Tremont	J. D. Fox	1
Waynesburg	J. S. Lame	2
Williamstown	R. A. McIlwain	1

C. J. Little, Professor in Dickinson College, member of Christ Church Quarterly Conference.

J. Y. Ashton, Chaplain of Eastern Penitentiary, member of Spring Garden Street Quarterly Conference.

South Philadelphia District.

J. S. J. McConnell, Presiding Elder.

		YEAR.
Philadelphia, Arch Street	A. Longacre	1
" Bethany	C. M. Boswell	1
" Broad Street	W. Downey	2
" Christian Street	T. W. Maclary	3
" Ebenezer	A. Rittenhouse	2
" Eighteenth Street	J. W. Harkins	2
" Eleventh Street	G. S Broadbent	1
" Fitzwater Street	W. B. Chalfant	3
" Mariners' Bethel	G. Cummins	3
" Messiah	B. T String	3
" Paschallville	D. McKee	3
" Pitman	D. M. Young	1
" St. Paul's	D. W. Gordon	3
" Salem	S. H. C. Smith	3
" Scott	N. B. Durell	3
" Union	M. D. Kurtz	1
" Wharton Street	E. Stubbs	3
" Tasker	J. Mason	1

		YEAR.
Avondale & Chatham	S. W. Smith	1
Bainbridge	J. E. Grauley	1
Bethlehem & Stony Bank	N. W. Clark	1
Chester, Madison Street	W. J. Paxson	3
" Trinity	T. Kelly	2
" South Chester	M. Barnhill	1
Clifton	N. Turner	1
Cochranville & Friendship	C. H. Rorer	3
Columbia	R. W. Humphriss	2
Crozerville	R. Smith	2
Darby	W. W. McMichael and	3
	A. Howard	2
Fernwood & West End	P. Coombe	2
Fulton	F. M. Brady	1
Kedron	C. E. Adamson	1
Kennett Square & Hamorton	To be supplied by J. S. McKinley	1
Lima & Howellville	A. N. Millison	1
Marcus Hook	W. K. Macneal	2
Marietta	J. C. Wood	3
Marshallton	J. Dungan	1
Media, First Church	S. A. Heilner	3
" South Media	To be supplied	
Middletown	L. B. Brown	2
Millersville	J. M. Wheeler	3
Mt. Hope	G. T. Hurlock	3
Mt. Nebo	R. C. Wood	2
New London	E. Potts	1
Nottingham Circuit	W. W. Wisegarver	2
Oxford	R. Kaines	3
Prospect Park	G. M. Brodhead	2
Safe Harbor	A. J. Amthor	2
Siloam	Maris Graves	2
Steelton	G. A. Wolfe	1
Strasburg	J. Stringer	3
Union, Delaware Co	A. L. Hood	2
Upland	J. W. Rudolph	1
Washington	W. C. Graff	1
West Chester	J. T. Swindells	1

J. W. Jackson, Chaplain in U. S. Army, member of Ebenezer Quarterly Conference.

G. W. Maclaughlin, Corresponding Secretary of Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society, member of Mariners' Bethel Quarterly Conference.

G. W. Lybrand, Superintendent of Bedford Street Mission, member of St. Paul's Quarterly Conference.

I. H. Correll, J. Blackledge, C. W. Green, Abe Sozo, Kawamura Keichiro, and Matsumoto Sogo, members of the Japan Mission.

Reports of Presiding Elders.

NORTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

My report must be a mere outline of the condition of the district. The churches or the ministry will not be fully represented, but the Conference Minutes will furnish a more complete report.

For several weeks I was prevented by sickness from attending to the work assigned me. Notwithstanding the interruption, I have held two hundred and fifteen Quarterly Conferences and preached one hundred and ten times.

I have kept as far as practicable an account with each charge touching the various items of church work, and have brought before the members of each Quarterly Conference the exact condition of the charge in its different departments.

The health of the preachers and their families has been good, with but few exceptions. Brother H. White's wife and child were dangerously ill for several weeks. Brother White is sick at the present time, and will not be able to meet with us. May the Father of mercies deal graciously with him and speedily restore him to health.

Brother Silas B. Best was compelled to give up his charge on account of failing health and the continued affliction of his wife.

A few changes have been made during the year. Brother G. Read was appointed to New Hope Charge, and Brother R. A. Sadleir to East Mauch Chunk Circuit.

The Divine blessing has attended the efforts to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom. Many precious souls have been saved through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. In twenty-two charges not less than twenty have been converted in each charge. In one, *Siloam*, over two hundred were converted.

The remaining charges, while not so successful as the above, with but few exceptions have had some conversions. A more general effort would have given better results. In too many charges the preacher is class leader, Sunday-school superintendent, chorister, and about all in church work.

Class meetings are receiving special attention. In some of the largest charges a full report is given. The indications are that the time is coming when the Quarterly Conference will request the pastor to invite inefficient sub-pastors to take a location.

The Sabbath-schools are in a good condition. Siloam is the largest, having sixteen hundred and fifty-one officers, teachers and scholars.

Number of Sabbath-schools	102
The Catechism is used in	57
Libraries replenished	36
Formed into missionary societies	74

The Sabbath-schools that may properly be called mission schools, twenty (20), leaving but six or eight that are not formally organized into missionary societies, and these are in the smaller charges. Conversions in the Sabbath-schools have been numerous.

The temperance cause is receiving special attention in many charges.

The church benevolences have received special attention. An advance is anticipated.

Fifty-six of the ninety-three churches and twelve of the twenty-five parsonages are free of debt.

Summerfield has a new parsonage in readiness for their new pastor.

CATASAUQUA.—The new parsonage is now occupied.

SPRAGUEVILLE.—The parsonage debt has been paid.

BETHLEHEM.—The lot next to the church has been purchased, on which a parsonage will be erected in the near future.

CUMBERLAND STREET CHURCH has been improved, securing thereby greater cheerfulness and comfort.

SILOAM CHURCH has been beautifully frescoed and generally improved at a cost of $3,300, and paid for.

PORT RICHMOND.—A long-needed work has been done. The church has been improved within and without, and paid for.

HOLMESBURG.—The chapel is being enlarged.

EASTON.—A building for Sabbath school and prayer-meetings has been erected in the rear of the church. It is an extension of the Lecture Room.

EAST STROUDSBURG CHURCH AND PARSONAGE have been improved. The future of this charge is full of promise.

NESHAMINY AND BENSALEM have had a year of great prosperity. The churches are free of debt and in good condition. The amount paid, $930.

FIFTH STREET.—The debt has been reduced to $5,157.

RICHMOND CIRCUIT.—A new church has been erected at Richmond. The whole cost, $2,500, has been provided for by cash and reliable subscriptions. In view of the financial ability of this charge, they have done nobly—none better.

LEHIGHTON.—This charge is engaged in a new church enterprise. They are building according to plan number seven of "Church Extension Board," with Infant School modified to suit the size of the lot. The Divine favor has been manifested toward this self-sacrificing band of Christian workers, and they will succeed.

TACONY.—This charge is also engaged in a new church enterprise. This is one of the most important interests on the district. It is located in the midst of a rapidly growing section of the city. The church in course of erection will meet the demands of the community and be creditable to Methodism. Mr. H. Disston & Brothers have contributed $1,000 toward the building fund.

COHOCKSINK.—The church has been sold and a lot secured on Seventh street, near Norris, for a new church home.

One camp-meeting was held on the district, the "Simpson Grove Camp-Meeting." God was present; souls were saved.

May the displays of Divine power in every place be yet more glorious.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. HINSON.

NORTHWEST PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

The Northwest Philadelphia District radiating from the city of Philadelphia divides itself into two parts, one following the line of the North Pennsylvania Railroad to Doylestown, and the other the main lines of the Pennsylvania and Reading Railroads, threading its way among the anthracite mountains of the State, finally terminating at Girardville, Schuylkill county. The territory through which it extends includes a varied population, composed of the commercial, agricultural, manufacturing and mining

classes. As a body they are hardy, intelligent, ambitious, energetic, thrifty and generous. These characteristics, though perhaps in a less degree, are decided traits in their church as in their secular and domestic life. Some of the members of our church are rich, many are fast acquiring wealth, and few are poor, proving that godliness has not only the promise but the realization of this life. With rare exceptions they are strongly devoted to the established creed of the church, rejoicing in the simplicity of our doctrines and jealous of any addition to the few and simple forms of worship that have from the beginning been maintained and cherished among us. We need only to insist on our "present existing and established standards of doctrine" and our people will be holier and happier, and the church widen and confirm its gracious rule over the hearts of the masses of the people.

The increasing density of the population, in the multiplication of small towns and villages, urgently appeals to us to establish wherever practicable new preaching places and Sunday-schools. This is especially true of those counties that were originally pre-empted by German settlers, holding tenaciously to their native tongues, but who are now becoming anglicized.

There is some danger that we shall regard too much the parish as our world and thus neglect the outlying territory in the neighborhood of settled places of worship. While it is not wise to institute new preaching places or Sunday-schools in close proximity to each other, neither is it wise to centralize our efforts in places already developed to the disregard of new and growing communities. In answer to direct inquiries but one new preaching place and Sunday-school has been reported as instituted this year.

There is a disposition to demand that such a subdivision of the work shall be made as that every society shall be constituted a distinct and separate charge, with the exclusive service of a pastor. There are some instances where a separation is imperative and can be justified by all the conditions upon which it is based, but there are others without any prophecy of immediate growth or guarantee of financial support, where to grant the request would only add at an early day another exhausted station to a list that is already too long. When a circuit is thus broken up or an appointment detached it is exceedingly difficult to amicably re-unite the divided parts, even when through depleted resources the people are unable to creditably maintain a separate existence. I have felt it to be my duty to discourage any subdivision of the work, except where the charge proved the necessity of it in the interest of the work, and gave evidence of its ability to render the pastor a reasonable financial support. The energy and ample means of other religious bodies would seem to make it necessary sometimes that a feeble charge should have the full time of a preacher in order to preserve its very existence, but as yet there is no Home Mission Fund adequate to all these cases, and we are therefore compelled to let either the preacher or the work suffer. The ratio of married men to charges that can afford a satisfactory support shows such an excess of the former as to make in some cases the assignment of preachers a hardship to both pastors and people. The people are grieved because they cannot support the preacher, and the preacher is pained that he should in any sense be a burden to them. Our only hope is in the future growth of our Home Mission Fund.

One of our noblest hearted brethren during the year laid down the cross and received the crown. Rev. C. I. Thompson died January 4th, 1883. I have requested T. C. Murphy to prepare a suitable memoir.

The voice of Rev. F. M. Collins became so seriously impaired during the year as to

compel him to ask a release from all pastoral care and labor. I regret to say that his voice has not yet recovered its former vigor.

Rev. T. T. Everett relinquished his charge January 7th, 1883, that he might enter upon the office of Private Secretary to the Governor of the Commonwealth, and Rev. Joseph Mason was appointed in his place.

This has been a year of spiritual ingathering. Many of the churches have been crowded with anxious hearers, and multitudes have been converted. The following are among the noted examples, and in each case I give the number uniting with the church on probation: Memorial, 61; Roxboro' Central, 41; Grace, 146; Trinity, 34; Tabernacle, 38; Twentieth Street, 30; Birdsboro, 31; Gilberton Circuit, 23; Mahanoy City, 41; Oak Street, Norristown, 25; North Wales, 30; Phœnixville, 70; Shenandoah, 71; Spring City, 104; Temple and New Bethel, 24; Pottstown, 70; Montgomery Square, 27; Hamburg and Port Clinton, 29; St. James, 16; St. Peter's, Reading, 107; Mt. Zion, Manayunk, 80. There are many other churches that have been greatly quickened and in which the happy song of the new-born soul is heard. The aggregate number of those entered on probation up to March 1st, 1883, is 1319. Church debts have been paid or provided for in the following cases:

Park Avenue.—There is an earnest endeavor now in progress to pay off a mortgage on the church amounting to $7,000. Of this amount $6,750 has been paid, and the balance will undoubtedly be secured in a few weeks.

Cedarville.—The self-sacrificing spirit of the church has been worthily manifest in the payment of the entire debt of $1,000.

Grace.—The large debt on the property has been reduced to $30,000, the amount of $8,000 having been paid this year.

Girardville.—By a steady, united effort the debt on the church was reduced to the extent of $2,424, leaving a balance of $2,100, and $900 of this is without interest. The church has a yearly revenue from real estate that will more than meet the interest on the balance.

De Kalb Street, Norristown.—An effort was made in the course of the year to pay off the debt, and subscriptions were obtained to the amount of $1,560. Of this amount $1,450 has been paid. Enough is expected to be realized from the sale of real estate to liquidate the balance of the debt.

Birdsboro.—A debt of $1,000 has been provided for, and the church joyfully anticipates the speedy release of the church building from the last dollar of incumbrance.

Cookman.—The subscription of last year has been cancelled, and the new building is free of debt. There is a debt of $6,500 upon the lot which may not be cancelled for a few years. In the meanwhile the society is strong enough to be above all embarrassment on that account.

Pottstown.—It was decided to make an effort to pay off the entire debt, amounting to $4,300, and to the astonishment of the faint-hearted the total subscription amounted to $5,400. The giving that day was as unto the Lord.

The total number of churches free of debt is 23. Improvements have been made in church property in the following instances:

Trinity.—The chapel of the new building projected last year is now almost finished, and will contain one of the best arranged audience rooms for Sunday school purposes. The cost of the edifice to date is $25,000, of which $20,000 has been paid. The resources of the church available for present improvements are $58,000.

Chestnut Hill.—Plans are being matured for enlarging and changing the style of

the church. There is already $702 in hand and reliable subscriptions to the amount of $1,465 payable as soon as the work is begun.

Tioga.—A new Sunday-school room is planned and will be erected at once.

Franklinville.—The unsightly walls of the audience room that for months advertised the exhausted treasury of the church, have been made bright and cheerful, and the expense incurred all paid.

Bethel.—The church at Union, Montgomery county, has been almost renewed at a cost of $1,050, all of which has been paid.

Valley Forge.—The plain, rain-stained building, very much in need of repairs, has passed under the magic supervision of Rev. T. K. Peterson, and the interior has been made beautiful and comfortable.

Spring City.—Preliminary steps have been taken to erect a parsonage, and as with this people to resolve is to do, the church will soon have a permanent home for the pastor.

New Bethel.—A very much needed accommodation in connection with a church in the country has been provided in the erection of extensive sheds.

Haines Street, Germantown.—The parsonage referred to a year ago has been completed at a cost of $7,500, of which amount the sum of $4,700 has been paid.

Montgomery Square.—The church building had grown so dingy and the walls covered with such a sackcloth of dirt as to be repulsive. But the interior and exterior have been so improved by the plasterer, carpenter and painter as to almost transform the structure. The bills were all paid.

Boyertown.—The interior of the church has been frescoed and painted, the heaters placed in the cellar, and these improvements, with the addition of new furniture and a full set of gas fixtures, make the audience and class-rooms neat and attractive. The expense incurred was all promptly met.

St. Paul's Circuit.—A debt of $166 on Zion Church has been paid. St. Paul's Church has been remodeled, painted and carpeted at a cost of $595, all of which has been paid. A lot has been secured and plans have been adopted for the erection of a parsonage costing about $1,100.

Lansdale.—A piece of ground 40x150, adjoining the church, has been purchased for $400. In this purchase a wise provision has been made for the future necessities of the society.

I submit the following summary of statistics: Probationers received, 1,341; new preaching places instituted, 1; new Sunday-schools organized, 1; amount of church indebtedness, $211,628; amount paid on church indebtedness incurred prior to this year, $38,407; cost of improvements on church and parsonage property, $41,555; estimated value of church property, $1,021,000; insurance on church and parsonage property, $406,510; number of churches, 76; number of churches not insured, 5.

I have devoted all my time to the performance of my official duties, and have been greatly aided by the more than kind, the generous consideration extended to me by my brethren of the ministry and laity. To God be all the glory of whatever good has been accomplished. I am prompted to devoutly acknowledge His mercy and goodness in that during the past four years sickness has never interfered with a single appointment.

WILLIAM SWINDELLS, Presiding Elder.

WEST PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

I praise the Lord, that through His tender mercy I am brought to greet you once more in our annual gathering.

The year has been one of toil, exposure, and trial, yet we have held our own, and I trust that we have made some advance. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Once more the district has suffered in the loss of one of our fellow-laborers.

Brother E. L. Martin, young, promising, effective, well equipped for his work, zealous, untiring and successful, was, after a short illness, called to his eternal reward. He died April 10, 1882, of pneumonia. On the day of his departure he said to one of our brethren: "The sky is clear before me. Tell my brethren when I am gone that the same Christ whom I preached unto others saves me *now*." And with his expiring breath he exclaimed: "There is music! They are singing!" A suitable memoir has been prepared by Brother A. L. Urban.

The church authorities at Williamstown kindly offered the use of their new and comfortable parsonage to the bereaved widow and fatherless children for the balance of the year, and contributed also toward their sustenance.

Brother R. A. McIlwain was appointed to Williamstown, and his place at West Mission, Lancaster, was filled by B. F. Powell, of Georgia Conference, as a temporary supply. Both charges have prospered during the year.

Sickness, sorrows, and trials have been endured by many of our brethren.

Brother G. Alcorn, appointed to Lower Merion, found his health so impaired that he felt it to be necessary early in the summer to seek rest and recuperation abroad. His place was supplied by local preachers. Brother Alcorn has returned with improved health, and is ready for work this spring.

The homes of several of our brethren have been made dreary by the removal out of them of cherished ones by the hand of death. But in all this gloom each household has been comforted and assured by the presence of One who has proclaimed himself "The Resurrection and the Life." June 23, Brother R. Owen was plunged into deep sorrow by the loss of his son Elmer, by drowning. Elmer was a noble youth of 21, whose faithful Christian life, amiability and general excellence of character endeared him to all who knew him. Brother C. Hudson mourns the loss of his only child. Brother C. Roads laments the removal of his little boy. And Brother S. N. Chew joins the great company of the sorrowing ones because of the unexpected death of his fair young daughter—beautiful, affectionate and devout.

Brother W. Powick has also been bereaved of his only child.

The winter just passed might well be described as the winter of stormy Sundays. In many of the rural portions of our work these stormy days have been real obstacles to the attendance of the people on the services of the sanctuary, to the maintenance of our Sabbath-schools, class meetings, and to general church work.

Nevertheless, attention has everywhere been given to our work. The collections for all our benevolent enterprises have been taken, and from the present outlook it is believed that these gifts will maintain the general average, and in some cases show an increase.

The temperance cause has received a large share of attention from our people. The committees appointed by the Quarterly Conferences have generally been active in circulating petitions, holding public meetings, and in some instances organizing in our Sabbath-schools and churches juvenile societies.

The Sunday-school interest is largely cared for by the church. An inquiry has

been made as to the practicability of continuing all our Sabbath-schools during the winter. Several difficulties have been mentioned in some instances which have not yet been overcome. In some cases the weather this winter has helped the postponement of the question. "Children's Day" was more generally observed this year than heretofore. Attention has also been called to the necessity of increased attendance upon the class meetings. In a few instances an improvement has been noticed, but for the most part there remains much room for vigorous effort on the part of the pastors in this direction.

Our Bishops at their annual meeting in the city of Detroit, May 4th, 1882, called the attention of the pastors and the churches to the recommendation of the great Ecumenical Conference held in London lately, in which is said: "We beg also to say that it is time that our chapels, churches, and our institutions of learning should be relieved of debt, and no more of the Lord's precious money be sunk in interest."

The work of debt-paying has been going on slowly during the year. Though not all has been accomplished which should have been done, the days are bright, however, with hope in this interest.

Green Street has nobly provided for the payment of her debt of nearly $14,000.

Central found herself with still a debt and interest hanging over her, notwithstanding the self-denying efforts of last year. On the 19th of November the congregation was asked for the required amount, $1,150, with interest. Thirteen hundred and seventy-five dollars in cash were laid on the table as an offering to the King, paying all claims against the church and leaving a balance in the treasury of one hundred and seventy-five dollars.

Centenary has cancelled her floating debt and reduced her funded debt.

On the 1st day of January, 1883, the seats in Fortieth Street Church were declared free, and the income up to the present is said to be sufficient to meet all demands. The funded debt has been placed at 4 per cent. instead of 6 per cent.

Bird-in-Hand, Coatesville, Gap, and Grove have all made noble efforts in this line.

Glen Moore is making a brave struggle at this time to rid itself of a burdensome debt, and whenever the generous promise of aid made by the Board of Church Extension is realized, the whole debt will be swept away at once. Lebanon has paid one thousand dollars of their debt.

Asbury has at length succeeded in clearing the ground owned by the church, and is making active preparations for the erection of a new and greatly needed edifice.

Twelfth Street has remodeled the lecture room, rendering it commodious, beautiful and much more adapted to the needs of the church. The cost of the improvement, over $3,000, has all been provided for.

Good progress has been made at Emmanuel. The church was thrown open for the public worship of Almighty God, February 18, 1883. The building is of brown stone, 75 by 84 feet, and will comfortably seat one thousand people. The church has cost $33,000. During the year $19,645 in cash, reliable subscriptions, with a mortgage of $7,000, has been raised towards the payment. Formal dedication of the church has been deferred till all the debts are paid.

At Parkesburg, Brother Sebring has been successful in renovating, repairing and improving the church edifice, and the whole cost has been provided for. The prospect for increased usefulness of the society is greatly advanced.

Charlestown Church has been re-opened and the future has promise of brighter

days. Downingtown has also improved and renovated their church, and paid all the expense.

Comfortable sheds have been erected at Springfield.

The fires of revival have been kindled on many altars, and the gracious power of the Holy One has rested on his people.

At Asbury, Belmont, Centenary, Epworth, Emmanuel, Haddington, Nazareth, Nineteenth Street, and Twelfth Street many souls have been brought into the Great Shepherd's fold. Among the country charges mention might be made of Branchdale, on Swatara Circuit, where we had no society till recently. The refreshing showers of revival caused great gladness, and forty were converted and joined the church.

At Paxton, on Manada Circuit, in the spring the little class had dwindled to five members. Under a blessed revival influence it now numbers thirty-five members.

Hopewell has been greatly cheered. Brother Geiger has rejoiced over some fifty souls brought in.

Tower City has been favored with quite a remarkable outpouring of the Spirit. Seventy-nine have been added to the church.

At Lykens and Wiconisco fifty-five have joined. At Lancaster, both the parent church and missions, with St. Paul's, have rejoiced over many gathered to the church. At Waynesburg, Williamstown, Coatesville, Downingtown, Coventryville Circuit, Lebanon and other places the harvest has been gathered with rejoicings, and many have been added to the Lord.

In addition to his generous gift of last year, Colonel Joseph M. Bennett has still further endeared himself to the Methodist public by the donation of twenty acres of land to the Managers of the Methodist Orphanage, for the use of the orphans. This land adjoins the ground and buildings given last year by Mr. Bennett. The land, it is said, cost Mr. Bennett $2,000 per acre, and is now worth a great deal more. It is the opinion of one of our journals "that this is the largest donation ever made to any of our Methodist institutions in the city of Philadelphia." Let us pray that the God of the fatherless may pour the Spirit of His love upon Mr. Bennett, accept his noble gift, and enrich him with all spiritual good.

Once more I thank my brethren of the ministry and laity for uniform kindness, forbearance and courtesy, and offer myself and services anew to my King.

J. DICKERSON, Presiding Elder.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

With fraternal appreciation of the kindness extended to me by the ministers and members of the Church, and devout thankfulness to my Heavenly Father for his preserving mercy, and unmerited goodness, I present this as my second annual report.

The boundaries of the District, and the number of pastoral charges, are the same as reported at the last session of Conference.

The general condition of the Church is one of harmony and prosperity. About $21,500.00 have been paid on account of debts, or for building and improving church and parsonage property. Middletown, Dauphin Co.; Wesley, Lancaster Co.; Friendship, and Hamorton, Chester Co.; and Lima, Delaware Co., are to be added to the list of churches free from debt.

Improvements have been made to the church property at Arch Street, Philadelphia; Crozerville, Media, and Upland in Delaware Co., and at Bainbridge, Columbia, Mt.

Hope, and Washington in Lancaster Co., and the expense incurred in every case has been paid.

Corner stones for three new churches were laid during the year, as follows: at Elam, Delaware Co., on June 24th; at Mt. Nebo, Lancaster Co., August 17th; and at Quarryville, Lancaster Co., September 2nd. It is confidently expected that the churches will be completed, and dedicated, free from debt, early in the ensuing Conference year.

A neat frame church, 30 ft. by 45 ft., with a side elevation of 16 ft., was erected during the Summer, on Pine St., near Sixty-first St., in the City of Philadelphia. The cost of the building was $1,000. The lot on which it was erected is 80 ft. by 112½ ft. and is valued at $1,000. Inasmuch as less than one-half of the cost of the property was provided for, I recommended the postponement of its dedication. This advice was concurred in by the pastor and people, and a simple, formal opening service was held August 20th, 1882. Though located in Philadelphia, this church is a part of Fernwood charge, and is to be known as "The West End Methodist Episcopal Church."

Christian Street Church has succeeded in the effort to finish the main audience-room without increasing the debt of the society. Dedicatory services were held May 21st, 1882. Every dollar of expense incurred has been paid, and this fact, together with the cancellation of the Building Association claims in the previous year, speaks loudly in praise of this long-struggling society, and of the earnestness, zeal, and devotion of the present pastor.

The new church at Darby, Delaware Co., has also been completed, and was dedicated December 3rd, 1882. The entire cost of the property, consisting of a lot 90 ft. by 500 ft., situated in the very heart of the borough of Darby, having built on it a frame dwelling, and a beautiful brick church, was $9,060. This has been, or shortly will be, paid, except $3,000, which can remain as a mortgage without imperilling the property, or embarrassing the society. Too much praise cannot be given to the pastor for his contribution to the success of this much needed enterprise.

Bethany Church, Philadelphia, has received from the Executors of the Will of the late Scott Stewart, M. D., a legacy of $1,000, and this with other donations has enabled the trustees to reduce the indebtedness about $1,600.

Messiah Church, Philadelphia, is still bearing its crushing burden of debt. The pastor has been unceasing in his efforts to secure contributions, and quite a number of the churches in Philadelphia, have allowed subscriptions and collections to be taken on its behalf, conditioned upon the reduction of the debt to a sum not exceeding $8,000. The Board of Church Extension has made a grant of $1,000 on the same condition, but has also fixed a time limit, namely, May 1st, 1883. If the heroic efforts made by the pastor and members of his church are to be crowned with success, and this valuable, and well-located property is to be saved to the Methodist Episcopal Church, the doors of other churches ought to be opened promptly, that this case may be presented to the consideration and liberality of our people. About $3,000 are yet to be secured, or all that has been promised will be of no avail.

The Sunday-schools are generally well attended, and fruitful in results for God and the Church. The conversion of the scholars is becoming more prominent in the aim of the officers and teachers, and in some places the lesson for the day has been laid aside, and the time occupied in old-fashioned Sunday-school prayer-meeting exercises resulting in the conversion of many precious youths. The Catechism is taught in

many of our schools, but it does not receive the attention which its merits and importance demand.

Two camp-meetings were held within the bounds of the District the past year, as has been usual for several years. Brandywine Summit Camp was very well attended, but a severe and long-continued storm greatly interfered with the meetings. Chester Heights Camp was better attended than it has been for a number of years. The meetings were profitable, the members of the church were edified, and over sixty persons professed conversion. The influence of these camp-meetings has been felt all through the lower part of Delaware County, and, I doubt not, has contributed to the results which the Church in that section has gathered. Whether this be so, or not, I am glad to be able to say that the power of God in the salvation of souls has been manifest in that part of the Conference territory as it has been for a long time.

From reports furnished by the pastors up to March 3rd, 1883, I glean the following items:

I. The benevolent enterprises of the Church have been faithfully presented to the consideration of the people, except in a few instances, and the contributions will be found to be somewhat in advance of those of last year.

II. Conversions have occurred in all the charges on the District, except three, and there has been a gain in membership, without reference to probationers recently received, of about 450 persons. In the 19 churches in Philadelphia, there have been 720 conversions; in the 18 charges in Delaware County, 536; in the 8 charges in Chester County, 84; in the 9 charges in Lancaster County, 295; and in the 2 charges in Dauphin County, 27, or 1,662 conversions on the District, so far as the pastors are able to determine. To God, be all the glory.

Death, whom even an inspired apostle called an "*enemy*," entered the homes of Revs. G. W. Maclaughlin, G. W. F. Graff, N. Turner, and the Presiding Elder, and from each a loved member of the family was taken away. Companions in sorrow, as we are in the service of the Church, and of Christ, we do not sorrow as others who have no hope.

In the early part of the year, Rev. John C. Gregg suffered so much from physical and nervous prostration that, in accordance with the advice of his physicians, he was compelled to relinquish his charge for the remainder of the year.

It affords me pleasure to bear testimony to the zeal and devotion manifested by the pastors generally, and as we come together in our Annual Conference, to look over the results of our toil and care, I rejoice with them that they "have not run in vain, neither labored in vain."

So may it be with us all in "the day of Christ."

JOHN S. JANES McCONNELL, Presiding Elder.

Reports.

BIBLE COMMITTEE.

The more we know of man's nature, the stronger is our belief that he needs an infallible moral and religious guide which has not been found in himself. The more we read, study, and obey the Bible, the firmer is our conviction that it is the divinely appointed, and hence the all-sufficient guide for the faith, affection, and conduct of humanity; therefore,

Resolved, 1st That, as the Bible is not as carefully and regularly studied as it deserves to be by those who have it, we will more diligently labor for the increase of Bible study in all our homes, schools and churches.

2nd. That each church should make special effort to induce every family within the reach of its influence to obtain a complete copy of the Bible, and to regularly read and obey it.

3d. That the American Bible Society, with its two thousand auxiliaries and their numerous branches, whose object is "to encourage a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment," is worthy of the confidence, sympathy, prayers, and pecuniary assistance of all true disciples of Christ, or real friends of humanity.

4th. That we will not only take a collection in every church for the benefit of the Bible Society, but we will also earnestly urge increased liberality, both by precept and example.

BOOK CONCERN.

Our Publishing interests at New York show a degree of prosperity highly creditable to the management.

Some of the items which indicate this condition of things are: the large reduction of the debt on the buildings; the lessening of the interest account by placing the remaining indebtedness at a much lower rate of percentage; the large increase in our periodical lists, both in the East and the West; the increasing attention to the needs of our Sabbath-Schools, especially in the effort to provide suitable libraries; and, finally, the arrangement now being made to introduce our church hymns into the Sabbath-Schools, as also cheap, well-selected Methodist library books. These are vitally essential things as our Schools are now conducted. We therefore desire to call special attention to the three Sabbath School Libraries, of 50 volumes in a set, at $25.00 each, or 50 cts. a volume.

The Publishers are also issuing a series of fifty volumes, entitled "The Lyceum Library," at the unprecedentedly low price of $5.00 for the set, or 10 cts. each.

The publication during the past year of a collection of hymns entitled, "Our Glad Hosanna," from our Hymnal, for Sunday-Schools and Social Meetings, is worthy of particular attention as one of the best methods of indoctrinating our young people and preserving the spirit of our fathers.

We congratulate the Editors on the increasing circulation of *The Christian Advocate*, believing, as we do, that it well deserves its growing popularity. We approve the effort now being made for the increase in the circulation of our excellent *Quarterly Review*. A long-felt want of the patrons of this periodical has been a good index, which would make its contents readily available, and thus add materially to its value.

We are glad to learn, through one of the agents, that such a work is already in preparation.

In conclusion, we submit the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That it is the firm conviction of this Conference that the Sunday-Schools of our church should supply themselves with the books and papers prepared and published by the authority of our church. The truths taught the children in the Sunday-School should be in harmony with those taught in the pulpit.

2. *Resolved*, That we recommend special attention to the law in the discipline in regard to the establishing of Church Lyceums and the formation of Lyceum Libraries, and would commend to favorable consideration the recent work of our brother, Rev. T. B. Neely, entitled, "The Church Lyceum."

CONFERENCE REPORT OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

During the past year, owing to the limited amount of funds placed at their disposal, they have been very much restricted in their recommendations. They have, however, been able to grant a donation to the

Messiah M. E. Church, Philadelphia, of.....$1,000.

And a loan to the

Gap M. E. Church (West Philadelphia District) of.....,..... $800.

Hoping that increased contributions will so enlarge the funds upon which they have a claim as to enable them to more generally respond to the very deserving claims which are presented to them, they enter upon the new year with reliance upon the liberality of the people, and trusting that the Church Extension Collection will be taken up in every charge.

EDUCATION.

The signs of the times are propitious to the cause of Christian education. The last decade has witnessed the establishment of new institutions of learning, and the endowment of those of older date, to an extent without parallel in the history of the world. Our own denomination has shared in the impulse which has quickened the general church, and is coming to the front with an alacrity and ardor worthy of our name and history.

With the Philadelphia Conference, the chief interest as to the work of education centers in

DICKINSON COLLEGE.

The present year is the one hundreth of the life of this noble institution, and the fiftieth since it passed under our denominational control. From the report of the President, Rev. J. A McCauley, D. D., we learn that the College is in a highly prosperous condition. The principal buildings have been thoroughly repaired during the past year, at a cost of $9,500, the greater part of which sum has been paid by special contributions, secured by the president; and the provisions for the accommodation and comfort of the students are now ample and complete. Thirty-two students matriculated in the Freshman class for the current year, and several were added to other classes. The attendance steadily increases, while the general work of the institution proceeds with vigor, system and success.

The Preparatory School is in a condition of improved prosperity, and is proving to be, as was anticipated, a valuable adjunct to the work of the College.

INCREASE OF THE ENDOWMENT.

The productive endowment of Dickinson College, one year since, was about $190,000. Since that time the sale of real estate in Milwaukee, held by the Education Board of the Baltimore Conference, for the College, but hitherto unproductive, has added about $20,000 to the productive funds.

The Trustees, feeling the importance of a large increase in the endowment fund, in order to extend the usefulness of the institution, have resolved to appeal to the church within the bounds of the patronizing Conferences for an additional sum of $100,000, to be added to the endowment; and also for $50,000 for the erection of additional buildings, which are urgently needed for the safe-keeping of the valuable libraries, and for the proper accommodation of the scientific department.

Several encouraging responses have already been made. Thomas Beaver, Esq., a generous layman within the bounds of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, has given the sum of $30,000, to constitute the "Peter Beaver Memorial Fund," in memory of his father, the Rev. Peter Beaver, one of the early Methodist ministers of this State. The Rev. David H. Carroll, D. D., of the Baltimore Conference, has contributed $10,000. From our own Conference has come the sum of $1,000, the dying gift of the lamented R. Newton Coulston, the valedictorian of the class of '82. We trust that the example of this noble young man will be imitated by many others within our bounds, so that the Philadelphia Conference may have her full share of the work and of the honor of the complete endowment and enlarged usefulness of our own venerable College.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Conference has learned with deep interest and entire approval, that the Trustees of Dickinson College propose to commemorate the centennial year of the College by an earnest effort to add the sum of $100,000 to the Endowment Fund, and to raise a further sum of $50,000 for the erection of additional buildings for the use of the College.

Resolved, That we will co operate with the President, Faculty, and Financial Agent of the College in endeavoring to secure liberal contributions on the part of the members and friends of the church within our bounds, to the Endowment and to the Building Fund.

Resolved, That in view of the present excellent accommodations for students, and the prosperous and effective condition of the various departments, including the Preparatory School, we earnestly recommend Dickinson College to the patronage of the members of our churches and of the community generally.

DREW THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The report of the President, Rev. H. A. Buttz, D D., presents an encouraging view of the condition of this excellent institution. A large proportion of the Janes Memorial Fund has been paid in cash, (about $32,000 being in the hands of the Treasurer), and steps are being taken to collect the outstanding subscriptions. A superior class of young men will be graduated this year, and will be ready to enter the work of our ministry wherever their services may be needed by the church. Our social means of grace are regularly maintained among the students, and a pure and healthful spiritual tone pervades the institution.

PENNINGTON SEMINARY.

This institution, so well and favorably known to the Conference, continues to prosper under the Presidency of the Rev. Thomas Hanlon, D. D. The average attendance during the year has been 155, of whom about one-third have been young ladies. About 25 of the male students are in course of preparation for the work of the min-

istry. To these, and to the children of ministers, liberal reductions in rates are offered by the Seminary, a large share of the patronage of which is from within our bounds.

WILLIAMSPORT DICKINSON SEMINARY.

This Seminary, under the management of President E. J. Gray, D. D., enjoys continued prosperity. Twenty-two of its students are preparing for the ministry, to whom aid has been given during the year by the institution to the amount of about $1,500.

A generous reduction has also been made in favor of the children of ministers, aggregating about $3,000.

We are gratified to note the fact that this institution is likely to become a valuable source of supply in recruiting the classes of Dickinson College.

THE EDUCATION FUND.

This fund, under the careful management of the Trustees, has produced an annual revenue of $3,272, all of which, except $25 for safe rent, has been paid to the Treasurer of Dickinson College. The investments, (including a mortgage on Dickinson College, of $15,830) amount to $74,833.

From the income of the "Nelms' Legacy," the sum of $156.84 has been paid to the beneficiaries recommended by the Conference

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,

at New York, has received an increased share of attention from our churches, and their contributions to the Children's Fund have been larger and more general than heretofore. We recommend that Children's Day be observed by all our Sunday-schools, and that the regular Conference collection for our Education Society be taken in the congregations at the morning services on that day, and that the collection for the Children's Fund be taken in the Sunday-school, in the afternoon.

We recommend the appointment of the usual Visiting Committees to Dickinson College, Drew Theological Seminary, Pennington Seminary, Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, Buell Seminary and Irving Female College.

EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The number of our beneficiaries at the date of our last annual report, was 16.

Of these, two have completed their collegiate course, and have entered upon their life-work in the itinerant ministry. One has left college during the year, but proposes to enter the traveling connection this Spring Another has discontinued his collegiate studies, and has gone to the West to enter upon the work. One, having experienced a change in his convictions of duty, has commenced the study of medicine, returning at the same time, the last installment of aid granted to him, and promising to return all, as soon as able One has been recommended to the Trustees of the Education Fund, as a beneficiary of the "Nelms' Legacy." One has ceased to need our aid, and two have been discontinued as beneficiaries, for failure to meet the required conditions. Three new beneficiaries have been placed upon the list, making the present number 10; of whom four expect to graduate, and to enter upon their great work during the present year.

The amount of aid granted during the year, has been $1,750 Owing to a change of the period of making the appropriations for the last half of the collegiate year, from May to February, the funds of the Board have been nearly exhausted; so that for the coming year we shall be dependent on our current receipts for means to con-

tinue our work. We are confident, however, that the Church will not permit the work to languish, for want of the necessary funds.

It is a gratifying fact, that the young men who have received aid from our funds, while they have manifested a commendable desire for knowledge and intellectual training, have also given unmistakable evidence of deep personal piety, and of that earnest zeal for the salvation of souls, which must always characterize every true minister of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Upon maturer thought, the Board deems it best to submit for adoption, by the Annual Meeting, the accompanying amendment to Article VIII, of the Constitution, in lieu of that adopted last year, but not yet submitted to the proper civil Court for its sanction.

APPORTIONMENT OF EPISCOPAL FUND.

North Philadelphia District	$728
Northwest Philadelphia District	728
West Philadelphia District	728
South Philadelphia District	728
	$2,912

FREEDMEN'S AID.

We respectfully submit the following report:

We regard this Institution as the Educational Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the poorer classes of the South.

Its special aim is to prepare young men for the ministry, and teachers for our schools.

Among the colored population we have twenty institutions of learning, with an attendance of 3,500 pupils. New properties have been secured during the year, valued at $26,257, making a grand total of real estate to the amount of $350,000. Among the white people we have twelve institutions of learning, with an attendance of 3,000 students. Recognizing the vastness of the work that remains to be done, and the providential openings for the improvement of the classes named, we cordially commend the Society to the attention of all our pastors and people. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. We approve of the plan of the Discipline, Par. 303, which assigns to each charge the amount to be raised.

2nd. That we will take the collection in all of our charges, and urge our people to contribute the sum apportioned.

INDIAN QUESTION.

Believing that the Indians should be carefully prepared for assimilation and citizenship, and profoundly impressed with the conviction that this result can only be accomplished by the Federal Government adopting such a policy as will do justice to the Indian and honor to the country, to be followed by appropriate current legislation to enforce the same;

Resolved, That Congress be, and it is hereby requested to pass resolutions solemnly pledging the faith of the nation to the Indian policy embodied in the following:

PLATFORM OF PRINCIPLES.

GOOD FAITH.—Never break faith with the Indians.

INDIAN TERRITORY.—Keep all intruders out of the Territory; continue the self-government of the civilized tribes; let them regulate their own land tenure.

LAW.—Enact suitable laws to protect life and property on reservations; make them flexible in detail; administer them through department orders, approved by the President; promptly and rigidly enforce them; individualize the punishment of crime; never hold the tribe liable for the crimes of its members; organize an efficient Indian police force on every reservation.

INDIAN DEPARTMENT.—Create a separate Indian Department, under a civilian Secretary; grant plenary emergency powers to the President; have all agencies frequently inspected by appointees of the President, well paid and unconnected with the Indian Department; carefully regulate the powers and duties of Indian Agents; give them permanent positions and liberal salaries; keep them free from political influence; let their subordinates be appointed by the Department; all questions of general policy and treatment to be settled by the Department; no individual experiments by theoretical agents to be permitted; abolish all privileged traderships; absolutely destroy all traffic in liquors; control the sale of arms and ammunition; in all else let there be free trade; let all military posts be maintained separate and apart from the Indian villages, and preserve absolute non-intercourse between the soldiers and the Indians.

NO REMOVALS.—Remove no more tribes, except where the soil and climate require it and the change is voluntary; civilize the Indians where they are.

EDUCATION.—Educate the entire Indian reservation population; teach the children in boarding manual-labor schools on the reservations; make them farmers and graziers; give all the bands an abundance of cattle; teach them trades; instruct them in the laws of health; show them how to live; neutralize the influence of the medicine man; make work compulsory.

LANDS IN SEVERALTY.—On reservations divide lands in severalty as soon as Indians can farm them; make them inalienable and non-taxable for a time; sell the surplus lands for the benefit of the tribe; elsewhere grant government lands in severalty (on the same terms) to all Indians who can cultivate them.

CITIZENSHIP.—Give citizenship to all self-supporting Indians who ask it.

> *Resolved*, That the various churches represented in this Conference be requested to appoint committees to further Indian civilization; and that copies of these resolutions be certified to the several Annual Conferences throughout the United States for their co-operation therein.

MOUNT MORIAH MINISTERIAL BURIAL LOT.

The Treasurer reports the sum of $470 in hand, and yielding three per cent. per annum. It is evident to all that the income is insufficient to keep these grounds in good condition, and the dues of those who prefer to pay two dollars annually, in the main are forgotten. The Trustees were instructed to urge upon all those lot holders who have not adopted the ten dollar payment, which relieves them from further tax, and in this way afford larger returns.

Could we get $1,000 in one permanent fund, the income would keep these grounds in repair for all time. The improvements are substantial and ornamental, and should awaken an interest in all who have deposited the remains of their departed loved ones in these consecrated grounds. At a meeting of the lot holders, held in the Duke St. M. E. Church, March 15th, the Trustees were requested to send bills to all who are

in arrears, and urge the ten dollar payment. These lot holders suggest the following persons, as Trustees: Revs. S. W. Thomas, T. W. Simpers, H. E. Gilroy; Laymen: T. W. Price, D. H. Bowen, Peter Lamb, H. Shirtliff. Said persons are nominated.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Your Committee to whom were referred the interests of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, offer for your adoption the following report:

It is with profound gratitude to God that we see the whole world opening up to Missionary and Evangelistic labor; and that God is impressing upon the heart of Christian woman her share of responsibility for the uplifting of her sex.

It is also our pleasure to acknowledge the distinguished ability with which this field has been entered by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, showing on the part of those who have devoted themselves to this work, a spirit of self-sacrifice and holy zeal which must be approved of God and man.

It is also due to the Society to say that the superior management of its affairs, both at home and abroad, its tact, economy, and efficiency commend it to the judgment and affections of the entire church.

Be it therefore

Resolved, 1st That this Society has our unfeigned confidence and encouragement in its work of faith and love.

2nd. That we will encourage the formation of auxiliary societies where they do not now exist, and will foster them where they are already formed.

3d. That we commend to pastors and people the "Heathen Woman's Friend" as one of the best vehicles of missionary intelligence.

4th. That we cordially greet, in the name of Jesus Christ, all the missionaries of this Society in the foreign field, that we recognize in them "fellow-helpers in the Lord," examples of self-sacrifice and Christian heroism, and that we bid them God-speed in their work.

5th. That the fourth resolution, just read, be published in the *Heathen Woman's Friend.*

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Among the many worthy benevolences of our church, there are none that present stronger claims upon our sympathy and support, or are more deserving of our active co-operation, than the "Woman's Home Missionary Society." Though, as yet, in its infancy, it has shown such signs of vigorous life, and so demonstrated the need of its existence in its own chosen fields, as to merit our hearty endorsement. During the two years of its existence it has sent to the needy fields ten missionaries, it has supported twelve beneficiaries in the schools of the South and West, and it is now co-operating with the Parent Missionary Society in building a home and boarding department for the "Salt Lake Seminary" in Salt Lake City, Utah. This successful effort has inspired the young society with such longings for enlarged activities that they have determined to appeal to the church to meet the increasing demand.

This society opens a field of usefulness to our many sisters, still unemployed, in all our churches, not only in carrying forward the worthy aims of the society in the more distant fields, but to gather inspiration for this larger work, by co-operating with the pastor in the fields nearer home. This work, like that of its twin sister, the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society," brings into exercise those gentle ministries of woman that have ever been so potent for good when and wherever employed. We

take pleasure in commending it to the liberal support of our church, in furtherance of which we submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That the "Woman's Home Missionary Society," as auxiliary to the "Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," receives our hearty endorsement.

Resolved, 2d. That we commend the object of the society, as it seeks to liberate the enslaved subjects of Mormon tyranny, diffuse the knowledge of a better life, present and future, in the homes of the ignorant poor of the South, white and colored, carry the blessed influences of Christian home life to the Indian of our Western frontier, and thus help to solve the social problem of the age.

Resolved, 3d. That, wherever practicable, we will organize auxiliaries in our charges, and by our personal sanction, and warm commendation, bid our sisters "God speed." We further recommend the formation of a Conference Society, and nominate to the Executive Committee at Cincinnati the following-named persons as officers:

President—Mrs. J. T. Bailey, of West Park Avenue Church, Philadelphia.
Vice President—Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, Germantown, "
" " Mrs. Jennie Rittenhouse, of Ebenezer Church, "
" " Mrs. Charles Scott, of Hestonville, "
" " Mrs Rev. Theo. Stevens, of Kensington, "
Recording Secretary—Mrs. C. G. Boughton, of Grace Church, "
Treas. and Cor. Secretary—Miss Julia A. Oram, of Germantown, "
Managers—Mrs. W. A. Church, of Germantown, "
Mrs. Thos. May Peirce, of Grace Church, "
Mrs. Rev. C. W. Bickley, of Montgomery avenue, "
Mrs. J. B. Shallcross, of Frankford, "
Mrs. John J. Ziegler, of Spring Garden Street Church, "
Mrs. John H. Dye, of St. Paul's Church, "
Mrs. John M. Wilson, of Chester, Pa
Miss Cornelia Early, of Green Street Church, Philadelphia.

We request that the committee on "Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union" be stricken from the list of standing committees, and the committee on "Woman's Home Missionary Society" be substituted, and that it be given a place on the schedule of anniversaries, either alone or in connection with the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society."

BOARD OF HOME MISSION AND SUSTENTATION.

The Board of Home Mission and Sustentation in presenting its annual report would call attention to the following provisions of the Constitution adopted by the Conference:

The Board is composed of the Presiding Elders and twelve laymen, three from each district, elected by the District Stewards' Meeting. No aid can be extended to a charge after the first year, unless all the benevolent collections are taken, including one for the Sustentation Fund, and in no case to a charge that does not contribute at least an average of $3 per member for the support of the preacher. No charge can obtain aid where the salary exceeds $600, including appropriations made by this Board.

Attention is specially called to the above particulars, as neglect of them may deprive a needy charge of assistance.

The growing popularity of this fund is a matter of great satisfaction. We hope to preserve the confidence of the churches by continuing to investigate thoroughly each

case applying for aid, and intelligently and judiciously granting aid only where the condition of the work requires it.

If our brethren will only explain the object of the fund, and privately as well as publicly, urge our people to contribute to it, we shall be able to devote some attention to the Home Mission work, so much in need of organization and supervision.

We recommend that the collection be taken as far as practicable during the month of October, and that it be paid to the Presiding Elder or forwarded to Robert England, Treasurer, 800 South Tenth street, Philadelphia.

Appropriations for this year are as follows:

North Philadelphia District	$250
Northwest Philadelphia District	600
West Philadelphia District	625
South Philadelphia District	725
	$2,200

REPORT OF TREASURER.

DR.

To balance in hand March 20, 1882	$411 37
To Collections during Conference Year	2,340 87
* To Cash returned by Rev. J. Dickerson	62 50
	$2,814 74

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By CASH PAID AS PER ORDERS—To Rev. J. S. J. McConnell	$725 00
To Rev. J. M. Hinson	250 00
To Rev. W. Swindells	600 00
To Rev. J. Dickerson	687 50
For expenses, circular, etc	8 12
By balance on hand March 23, 1882	544 12
	$2,814 74

* Returned because of change in appointment.

PHILADELPHIA ORPHANAGE.

Our Church Orphanage, situated in the city of Philadelphia, is an institution which justly appeals to the sympathy and support of all the ministers and members of our denomination within the bounds of the Philadelphia Conference. It is an outgrowth of the spirit of Christly activity which, from the beginning, has been manifested in the history and teachings of Methodism. As Jesus took little children in his arms and blessed them, so this Christian charity takes the orphan in his helplessness and cares for body, mind and heart, until physical strength, intellectual development, and religious culture are gained.

In this institution we perceive the noble and self-sacrificing work of consecrated Methodist womanhood, which, under the leadership of Mrs. Bishop Simpson, has founded the Orphanage, and in the short period of its existence has given it remarkable prosperity.

It is with great pleasure that we acknowledge and manifest our appreciation of the munificent gift of Colonel J. M. Bennett, who, cherishing the memory of his worthy Methodist mother, presented the Orphanage Building and the grounds in which it stands, and also twenty acres of valuable adjoining land.

With gratitude we also recognize the fact that it was one of our laymen, Mr. Robert

Grigg, whose suggestion brought the Orphanage and its work to the notice of Colonel Bennett, and thus helped to turn his liberality in that direction.

Your committee presents the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we commend the Orphanage of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia to the attention and liberal support of the people within the bounds of the Conference.

Resolved, That we recommend the Sunday-schools of our Conference wherever practicable to make a contribution to the Orphanage at Christmas time, as a token of love for the Saviour who showed so much love for little children, remembering the words of Jesus, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me."

Resolved, That we extend our sincere thanks to Mrs. Bishop Simpson, the President of the Orphanage Society, and to the ladies associated with her, who have manifested so much zeal in this cause, and have brought so much success to this laudable effort.

Resolved, That we hereby express our hearty thanks to Colonel Joseph M. Bennett for his princely gift to our Orphanage in Philadelphia.

PENNSYLVANIA SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

The Committee on the Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society respectfully report: That the object of the Society is to advance the temporal welfare of the Sailor, and to labor for his moral and religious elevation. We honor the Society for the work it is seeking to accomplish.

The Society has afloat in ships and other vessels 3,090 libraries, containing 43,000 volumes, and has circulated 40,000 Bibles and Testaments.

The Word of God, in the hands of sailors of different languages, is having free course in the salvation of very many, and these converted sailors are a great agency in christianizing the commerce of the world.

The Sailors' Home, in the city of Philadelphia, is a model of neatness, and furnishes a sanctuary for the weary son of ocean while in port. This Society is doing a Christ-like work in relieving the wants and destitution of shipwrecked sailors, and looking after their afflicted families.

In view of these and other facts we most cheerfully endorse the objects and work of the Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society, and commend the cause to all our people.

We rejoice in the success of our brother, Rev. G. W. Maclaughlin, as Corresponding Secretary, and most earnestly recommend his appointment to that important position for the ensuing year, he having been unanimously elected by the Board of Managers.

THE SABBATH.

The Sabbath law, as contained in the Fourth Commandment, was not repealed by Christ. While many supposed that his teachings were contrary to Moses, and while his enemies charged him with the sin of Sabbath-breaking, yet his own words were: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophet: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." To this emphatic "think not" of Christ, we must appeal in order to correct the erroneous thinking on the Sabbath question. The sayings of Christ in relation to the Sabbath must not be so interpreted as to "destroy" any part of that "law" which he came, "not to destroy, but to fulfil."

"It is right to do good on the Sabbath day," but it is not right to do all kinds of good on that day. There is a lesser good, connected with the life that now is which

men may seek during the six days of the week; but every seventh day the secular activities must be interrupted by a season of holy rest, so that men may have time and opportunity to seek the greater good which belongs to the soul and spirit. Furthermore, because it is right to do good on the Sabbath day, it does not follow that it is right to publish newspapers, run railroad trains, open liquor saloons and places of amusement on that day.

Because "the Sabbath was made for man," it does not follow that man is at liberty to disregard its requirements, and employ the day for selfish and secular purposes.

The Sabbath was made for man, not that he should disregard it, or despise it, or desecrate it, but that he should "remember it to keep it holy." The Sabbath law was enacted "for man" by infinite love, and we should therefore regard it *not* as a grievous burden, but as a gracious benefit; *not* as a costly sacrifice exacted, but as a priceless gift bestowed; *not* as the mark of a humiliating bondage, but as the ennobling condition and indispensable safeguard of the highest freedom.

"The Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath day." But that does not make newspaper proprietors and railroad corporations lords of the Sabbath-day. Nor is the Son of man "Lord of the Sabbath," to supersede it, or to relax its requirements, or overthrow its authority. The Son of man is Lord of the Sabbath to interpret it, to vindicate it, to rescue it from Pharasaic perversion, and Sadducean neglect, and to perpetuate it in the Lord's day, hallowed by all the inspiring memories and hopes of the day of resurrection.

Your Committee respectfully submit the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, 1st. That we will preach a sermon on the observance of the Sabbath during the year.

2nd. That we specially exhort all our members to abstain from the prevailing forms of Sabbath desecration: such as buying and reading Sunday newspapers; traveling for business or pleasure by Sunday trains; going on Sunday excursions, whether to summer resorts or religious gatherings; and spending the summer vacation at places where they cannot enjoy the privileges of public worship on the Lord's day.

3d. That we are thankful that nearly all our camp meeting associations are taking a noble stand against every form of Sabbath desecration, and that they have demonstrated before the world that the sancity of the Lord's day can be maintained during the summer season in connection with large gatherings for religious services and social recreation. We hail with special satisfaction the recent action of the Chester Heights Association, condemning all Sunday excursions, and positively forbidding all Sunday traffic on their grounds. The Managers of Simpson Grove Camp Meeting Association have guarded carefully the sacredness of the Sabbath. No excursion tickets are issued on that day. Nothing is sold on the Sabbath, not even meals. It is a church in the wilderness. The charter forbids any dividends to stockholders. The net profits go to pay debts on churches and parsonages, or to build new ones.

4th. That Camp Meeting Associations, bearing the name of our Methodism, connive at Sunday trains, or tolerate Sunday traffic, or receive entrance fees at the gates on the Sabbath, without bringing reproach upon our church and inflicting serious injury upon the cause of Christ

5th. Inasmuch as the observance of the Sabbath is an important part of that righteousness which exalteth a nation, we deeply deplore the holding of the recent session of Congress on the Lord's day, the Sunday service imposed by the mail service, and the persistent extension of Sunday traffic by our railroad corporations.

6th. That we commend the work of the Philadelphia Sabbath Association, and kindred organizations engaged in disseminating Sabbath literature, and in promoting the proper observance of the Lord's day.

7th. That we extend to the Brotherhood of Railroad Engineers our hearty sympathy in their efforts to obtain relief from the needless running of Sunday trains, so that they may enjoy the benefits of their needed weekly rest.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your Committee would present the following:

We rejoice to learn that a large proportion of the conversions in our Conference during the past year have been from our Sunday-schools. We believe that the hope of the Church, in the future, depends largely on the efficiency of Sunday-school work, and recruits are to be gathered principally from this source. It is therefore highly important that pastors should co-operate with members in giving special attention to this department.

We would recommend that in every church there be a teachers' meeting for the study of the Sunday-school lesson, and that our pastors give personal attention to this preparatory work.

While the Berean lessons have been adopted almost universally in our denomination, and we recommend their continuance, yet we regret that the study of the catechism is sadly neglected, and thereby our Sunday-school scholars are not indoctrinated as they should be in our fundamental tenents.

While our Sunday-school workers give diligent attention in their teaching to geographical, historical, and doctrinal instruction in the classes, we would urge upon them to make the *conversion* of the scholars a matter of primary importance. In view of this, our pastors ought to insist that none except *converted* persons be employed as teachers, lest the "blind leading the blind, both should fall into the ditch."

We deprecate the fact, that in many of our libraries, pernicious, or weak books have been introduced as the result of carelessness of selection on the part of Sunday-school committees and others in authority, and we would recommend them to chiefly patronize our own publications.

In conclusion, we nominate Rev. R. W. Humphriss, as Vice-President of the Sunday-school Union.

TESTIMONIAL.

The Committee appointed last year to raise a "Testimonial for the Rev. Geo. W. Lybrand" have performed the duty assigned them, and take pleasure in reporting two hundred dollars as the sum total of contributions.

They express the sense of this Conference when they say that "his labors are highly appreciated, and all regret the necessity for his refusal to continue to serve in the capacity of Statistical Secretary."

TEMPERANCE.

We are obliged to look upon the question of Temperance from the standpoint of the Christian ministry, recognizing our duty to teach what is true in morals and religion, and thus mould public opinion. We have the ear of the public, to a large extent, and with the utmost fidelity we must press home the truths of temperance upon the public intellect, heart, and conscience. The rising generation is largely within our power; we must mould their habits of thought, that in mature years they may not have to unlearn what they were taught in childhood. We must *warn* them against the liquor system as a whole and in all its parts, and *teach* them the reasons why it should

be opposed. The repugnance of the moral sense to the whole system will be in proportion to the intelligence possessed upon the question at issue. We must, therefore, seek to inform ourselves upon all its phases, scientific, legal, political, and moral, that we may teach others and bring them to well-grounded convictions.

As ministers of God, whose "commandments are exceeding broad," covering all moral relations and duties, we hold and teach,

1st. The use, as a beverage, of any kind of intoxicating drink is morally wrong, and the making and furnishing of it for such use is a sin, and ought to be made a crime.

2nd. Well-established facts of science teach us that nature speaks against the use of alcohol, that God never made it, that it is a product of man's art, whose results are the perversion of judgment, the dethronement of reason, the paralysis of physical strength, and the degeneration of the moral nature.

3rd. That a correct exegesis of the Holy Scriptures will show that the principles of revelation are in exact harmony with the established facts of science upon the use of strong drink.

The battle against intemperance has been a long and persistent one, and has been rightly characterized as "One phase of the war between heaven and hell." We have long tried to restrict the evil by statute law, but have failed. We therefore rejoice to see public opinion crystallizing upon the local form of prohibition by Constitutional Amendment. The State of Kansas has this amendment, and is a bright star upon the dark horizon. There are now twenty-four other States endeavoring to secure it.

We regard this form of prohibition with favor, First, because of the permanency of constitutional law and the influence of the oath for its support, which executive officers of the Commonwealth, legislators, judges, and all officers of the law are required to take before entering upon their respective duties; and, Secondly, because of freedom from change to which statute law is subject through partizan influences or the corrupt attempt upon legislators and courts.

The prohibition idea is not new to Methodism. We refer with pride to our foreseeing and venerable founder, John Wesley, who said the great evils of intemperance might be eradicated "By *prohibiting* forever, by making a full end of that bane of health, of life, and of virtue, distilling." Total abstinence by the individual and prohibition by the State, is the goal for which we strive. If we fail once, we return again to the strife, and will continue it until we achieve victory in both State and Nation, and the flag of our country shall be the symbol of sobriety, dignity and power.

In view of these facts and their importance to the church, the state and society, we are

Resolved, 1st. That we will continue to proclaim the moral duty of total abstinence from the use of intoxicants as beverages, and we will enforce this duty by example and argument.

2nd. That we will faithfully *warn* and *teach* the young how to escape the evils set for their feet, and pledge them against the use of intoxicating liquors.

3d. That as helps to these important ends, we recommend a more faithful distribution of carefully prepared temperance literature, more frequent presentations of this vital subject from the pulpit, to the Sunday-schools, and on special occasions.

4th. That we fully approve of the introduction and use of scientific text-books in our schools, showing the nature of alcohol and its effects upon the human system.

5th. That we cordially endorse and commend the work of our Conference Temperance Society, and we will appeal privately to the friends of the cause for contributions to carry on its work, and that we most earnestly recommend the formation of auxiliary societies in all our churches.

6th. That we recommend the observance of the last Sunday in October as "Temperance Day" in our churches and Sunday-schools, that the cause of temperance may be simultaneously presented in all our congregations, and the Father of mercies be implored for the success of our cause, in the abolishment of the great evils of the drink customs of our age.

7th. That we rejoice in the triumph of constitutional prohibition in Kansas, and will pray and hope for the same in our own favored Commonwealth; and that we will also pray and toil for the incorporation of this measure in the fundamental law of the United States.

THE TRACT CAUSE.

Your Committee, in submitting their Report, would first present a financial exhibit of the Philadelphia Conference Tract Society, for the year ending March 1st, 1883.

I. PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

ASSETS.

Real Estate, as per last Report		$90,217 00
Furniture, as previously reported		600 00
Insurance for six years		1,543 00
Mortgage on city property		1,500 00
Ledger accounts and bills receivable	$1,372 31	
Less worthless accounts stricken off	216 00	
		1,156 31
Cash in Treasury		51 56
		$95,067 87

LIABILITIES.

Mortgage on 1018 and 1020 Arch Street	$30,000 00	
Loan from Preachers' Aid Society	5,000 00	
		$35,000 00
Net value this year		$60,067 87
Net value last year		59,083 70
Net gain in Property Account		$984 17

II. STORE ACCOUNT.

ASSETS.

Books and stationery, as per inventory		$15,006 95
Stereotype plates, as per last Report	$2,345 45	
New plates added during the year	10 02	
	$2,355 47	
Less 10 per cent. on first cost of old	434 80	
		$1,920 67
Ledger accounts and bills receivable	$23,335 62	
Less bad debts stricken off	249 45	
		$23,086 17
Cash in store		323 63
		$40,337 42

LIABILITIES.

Ledger accounts payable	$10,424 22
Net value of store this year	$29,913 20
Net value last year	29,260 37
Net gain on store	$652 83
Adding appropriation to Benevolent Account	331 15
Real gain on business, exclusive of losses, &c.	$983 98
Total gain on Property and Store	$1,968 15

III. BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT.

DR.

Tracts distributed in Conference	$1,237 20
Books and Periodicals given away	305 62
Estimated Rental of Wesley Hall, Bishop's Room and Historical Room	1,500 00
	$3,042 82

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Collections received from churches	$1,211 67	
Donations from Store Account	331 15	
Estimated Rentals (not in account)	1,500 00	
		$3,042 82

The following resolutions are submitted for adoption:

1. That recognizing the connectional character of the Depository, and its ample facilities for the accommodation and entertainment of our Methodist public, we earnestly commend it to the liberal support of our people at large.

2. That we commend to our ministers and people, a wise and careful distribution of tracts, believing as we do, that this is a most effective way of reaching the heart and extending the Redeemer's Kingdom.

3. In view of the fact that the society has been limited in its work of tract distribution by the inadequacy of the collections taken, we would urge an increased liberality on the part of our people in their contributions to this great cause.

4. That in our judgment the *Philadelphia Methodist* fills a place and meets a want not supplied by any of our official papers; and, its moderate price bringing it within the reach of all, we covet for it a much enlarged and more general circulation.

5. That the Bishop be requested to re appoint Rev. J. B. McCullough, D. D., as Corresponding Secretary of the Society.

6. That we recommend the following named brethren to be elected to the Board of Managers: T. W. Simpers, J. F. Crouch, J. B. McCullough, W. C. Robinson, G. D. Carrow.

PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY

—OF THE—

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

TREASURER'S REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 20, 1883.

I. THE GENERAL FUND.

DR.

COLLECTIONS—North Philadelphia District		$1,836 70
North-west Philadelphia District		2,302 18
West Philadelphia District		2,418 42
South Philadelphia District		2,778 38
Total Collections		$9,335 68
INTEREST—Chartered Fund		30 00
Centenary Fund		300 00
Contingent Fund		362 89
DIVIDEND—Book Concerns		327 00
SPECIAL DONATIONS—Charles Scott, Esq		600 00
Estate of J. B. McCreary, per Geo. D. McCreary		186 38
		$11,141 95

CR.

CASH PAID TO CLAIMANTS AS FOLLOWS:			
Ten Superannuates		$2,450 00	
Twelve Supernumeraries		2,985 00	
One Effective		175 00	
Twenty-nine Widows		5 525 00	
Expenses		6 95	
			$11,141 95

II. CONTINGENT FUND.

BEQUESTS—Dr. Heilner		$200 00	
Dr. Bates		2,350 00	
Amos Phillips, Esq		5,000 00	
Mrs. M. Ascough		100 00	
Mrs. M. A. Allen		95 00	
Mr. H. K. Freedley		190 00	
Anna M. Stroud		500 00	
			$8,435 00
DONATIONS—Amount previously reported		$750 00	
Mrs. C. I. Thompson		1,000 00	
			$1,750 00
SUNDRIES—Balance of amount set aside for contingencies		665 00	
Premium on bonds		150 00	
			$815 00
INTEREST—On investments			540 00
			$11,540 00

CR.

INVESTMENTS—Bonds and Mortgages		$10,500 00	
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR:			
H. R. Calloway	$300 00		
R. Owen	150 00		
F. M. Collins	215 00		
		$665 00	
Accrued Interest on Bonds		12 11	
Distributed with the General Fund		362 89	
			$11,540 00

III. MUTUAL RELIEF FUND.

Donation of Amos Phillips, Esq			$1,000 00
Balance in Treasury, as per last Report			14,087 78
Dues of Preachers received during the Year			2,976 00
Interest on Investments			850 81
Interest on Preachers' Notes			199 50
			$19,114 09

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Bonds and Mortgages		$8,000 00	
Loan to Philadelphia Conference Tract Society		5,000 00	
Loans to Preachers on Notes		300 00	
Deposited in Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Co		3,717 27	
Amount of Investments		$17,017 27	
PAID OUT DURING THE YEAR AS FOLLOWS:			
Mrs. Rev. C. I. Thompson	$1,000 00		
Mrs. Rev. E. L. Martin	1,039 40		
*Dues of Aged Ministers	40 00		
Rent of Box in Safety Fund	6 00		
Circulars and Stamps	4 75		
Accrued Interest on Bonds	6 67		
		$2,096 82	
			$19,114 09

*Paid from Phillips Fund by request of Donor.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

It is necessary at each Annual Session of our Conference that we repeat much said on former occasions, that we may keep before the minds of our brethren the continued obligation we are under to our Conference beneficiaries. We should not desire to be released from the duties that relate to their comfort and support. Many important interests claim our attention, and are represented by eloquent and able advocates. Ours need not be voiced in long addresses. Every one of the honest claimants upon these funds are our co-laborers, or have been, or are allied to those who have gone from us by sacred ties. Their need demands our service, and right willingly should we render it.

We present this, the Fourteenth Annual Report of the Society, whose interests we are elected to serve, that the Conference may know the condition of the finances. There is cause for gratitude, in view of the continued regard in which the different funds are held by the ministry and membership of the church. We recognize the great responsibility we are under as a Board, in administering these sacred trusts. First, in the care of our brethren and their families, who have been compelled to cease from active labor in the ministry, and through failing health and physical infirmity have been turned aside, or compelled to relinquish their loved employ. Secondly, the widows and fatherless children of deceased ministers, who are, by change of circumstances, thrown upon the liberality of the church for support in their needy, and, in some instances, helpless condition.

There are three funds or sources of relief, entitled by the Board, General, Contingent, and Mutual. The first embraces the collections from the charges and any donations that may be made by those who, having the means and disposition, direct their benevolences into this channel, also the income from the Centenary, Chartered, and Contingent Funds, and dividends from the Book Concern.

The Contingent Fund is composed of bequests, legacies or donations, and the proceeds after investment are appropriated to the General Fund for the annual distribution to Conference claimants. This Fund has been increased during the year by a donation from the widow of our departed brother, Rev. Chas. I. Thompson, of $1,000, which was due her from the Mutual Relief. We have also in prospect during the present year the sum of $1,000 from the estate of Mrs. Eliza Yoder, deceased, notice of which has been given us by her executor.

The Mutual Relief is a form of insurance by the payment of twenty dollars as annual dues from its members, and also the investment of any bequests, legacies or donations, the proceeds of which may be merged into the principal, or, if so directed, appropriated by the donor for the payment of dues when any member may be in indigent circumstances.

The General Fund is all distributed to properly, accredited claimants, whose recognized rights are set forth in our Book of Discipline.

The Contingent Fund is the invested capital for the increase of the General Fund, and this interest is used in meeting the pressing claims of those who may be in absolute need during the interval of Conference sessions.

The Mutual Relief is confined in its benefits to those who are members and continue to pay their annual dues, which entitle their families to the sum of one thousand dollars in case of their death.

The Trusts we are called to administer are to us sacred; hence it is our duty to be careful in all our investments. In this particular we have been highly favored, in that no losses have occurred through the failure of institutions or otherwise. The

rate of interest is much lower than at first, but reduction was necessary if we would have good security.

Two of our brethern have died during the year, and their families have received one thousand dollars each from the Mutual Relief Fund, one donating (as above stated) the amount received to the Contingent Fund. This leaves a balance in the Mutual Relief after all debts are paid of $17,017.27.

The amount of the Contingent Fund at the close of the present year is $10,500, after paying out during the year the sum of $665 on contingencies, and merging in the General Fund for distribution the sum of $362.89.

The collections from the charges for the present year amount to $9,335.68, a decrease of $54.70 from last year, but an advance on the amount apportioned of $260.68. This sum has been supplemented by a contribution from the estate of J. B. McCreary, through the administrator, George D. McCreary, Esq., of $186.38, and another from Charles Scott, Esq., a member of the Board, of $600.

The amount to be distributed has been received from the following sources:

North Philadelphia District		$1,836 70
North-west Philadelphia District		2,302 18
West Philadelphia District		2,418 42
South Philadelphia District		2,778 38
Total from the Churches		9,335 68
Interest on Contingent Fund	$362 89	
" " Centenary "	300 00	
" " Chartered "	30 00	
Dividend from Book Concern, N. Y.	327 00	
Donation from estate of J. B. McCreary	186 38	
Donation from Charles Scott, Esq	600 00	
Total for Distribution		$11,141.95

This exceeds the amount distributed last year, $668.48.

The amount estimated by the Quarterly Conferences is $15,823, or $4681.05 more than the amount contributed. We distributed this year more than at any other session in the history of our conference.

We would call the attention of the Conference to the manner in which the estimates for Conference Claimants are made by Quarterly Conference Committees. We are led to believe there is an unwonted timidity in making inquiry as to the facts concerning each case, and a disposition to pay but little attention to the requirements of the Discipline on this subject, and further a disposition upon the part of claimants in some instances to maintain a spirit of reticence as to their circumstances, and hence there is a difficulty in the Board reaching a just conclusion in every case. We must have facts, and not suppositions. The Board is in a position to know more than those who are not conversant with the facts, but we desire to have the most careful statement in each case, if possible, hence the list of questions sent to each claimant and committee is designed to help in the line of information desired.

Our duties this Conference have been more arduous than before in view of the increased demand upon our funds, because of the greater necessities of our Claimants. After having gone over our list and placed opposite each name, the amount we felt in our hearts ought to be appropriated, we found that we had over-run the funds at our command nearly one thousand dollars, when one of our lay members said, "Brethren,

it will not do to cut down these amounts, if we can possibly help it," and as an indication of his feeling in the matter, left with us on leaving for the train, the right to draw on him for $500, and at our next meeting, increased it by adding $100 more.

We refer the Conference to the Treasurer's report, for a detailed statement of the different Funds under our care.

1. *Resolved*, That we still consider the collection for Conference Claimants one that cannot be too earnestly presented to our people, and one worthy of their liberality and support, and we urge upon the church to give us an increase in our collections in view of greater need.

2. *Resolved*, That as it has pleased our sister, Mrs. Gertrude Thompson, widow of our deceased brother and co-laborer, Rev. Charles I. Thompson, to donate to the Contingent Fund of the Preachers' Aid Society, the sum of one thousand dollars, this act merits, and the Conference hereby returns to her, its appreciation of her generous liberality, and its thanks in behalf of those who in the future may share in the results of her benefaction.

3. *Resolved*, That the Conference returns its thanks to George D. McCreary, Esq., administrator of the estate of J. B. McCreary, for the donation of $186.38 to the General Fund for distribution to necessitous cases.

4. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference is due and hereby tendered to our brother, Charles Scott, Esq., of Philadelphia, for his generous donation of $600, by which the increased demands upon the General Fund for necessitous cases have been met in a larger measure than the church collections at the command of the Board would otherwise have permitted.

5. *Resolved*, That we again send our fraternal greetings to our venerable President of this Board, our brother Thomas T. Tasker, who is now 85 years old, and living in the sunshine of a glorious experience of divine grace, waiting until the Master bids him enter his eternal home.

At the last session of the Conference, Rev. John F. Meredith was chosen to fill the vacancy occasioned by the retirement of Rev. Joseph Mason. The term expires with this session.

The term of the following lay Trustees expires with the present session:

Benjamin Schofield, Jr., Esq., Robert Thomas, Esq.

A vacancy was left for the Board to fill, by the failure of the Conference to elect. The Board elected Charles Scott, Esq., to fill the vacancy, until the session of the Conference. The remaining two years of the term is to be filled by Conference action.

The following is the distribution made by the Board to the claimants:

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.

Years of Effective Service.	Years a Claimant.	CLAIMANTS.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	Quarterly Conference Estimates.	Amount of Appropriation.
		SUPERANNUATED.			
28	18	Joseph Carlisle	Media, Delaware Co., Pa	$550 00	$350 00
9	18	Peter Hallowell	Raymond, Black Hawk Co., Iowa	200 00	75 00
39	6	John A. Watson	West Chester, Pa.	325 00	325 00
29	4	Solomon M. Cooper	2427 Jefferson St., Philadelphia	400 00	250 00
17	3	John Cummins	San Leandro, Alameda Co., Cal.	200 00	75 00
35	5	John Shields	Frenchtown, N. J.	700 00	375 00
45	5	William Cooper.	Lansdowne Ave. and 57th St., Phila.	250 00	250 00
38	6	William McCombs	648 North Eleventh St., Philadelphia.	400 00	250 00
44	3	Anthony Atwood.	809 North Seventeenth St., Philadelphia	250 00	250 00
16	1	John D. Long	Pocomoke City, Md.	250 00	250 00
		SUPERNUMERARIES.		$3,525 00	$2,450 00
37	4	H. B. Mauger.	Olney, Philadelphia	$600 00	$375 00
44	2	G. Oram	Tamaqua, Pa	750 00	375 00
39	2	D. L. Patterson	1018 Arch St., Philadelphia	500 00	300 00
30	4	Joseph Gregg.	Reading, Pa.	408 00	175 00
28	6	S. R. Gillingham	Ocean Grove, N. J	220 00	220 00
26	4	L. B. Hughes	331 East Lehigh Ave., Philadelphia	300 00	150 00
21	2	A. Cather		270 00	270 00
39	2	H. R. Calloway.	1525 Swain St., Philadelphia	500 00	270 00
10	1	F. M. Collins	Ocean Grove, N. J	200 00	200 00
32	1	Joseph S. Cook	Bristol, Pa.	275 00	275 00
24	1	S. B. Best	Coatesville, Pa.	150 00	150 00
28	1	John C. Gregg		225 00	225 00
		EFFECTIVE.		$4,398 00	$2,985 00
44	2	M. H. Sisty	Langhorne, Bucks Co., Pa	$290 00	$175 00
		WIDOWS.			
16	38	Mrs. E. S. Foulks	439 Spruce St., Camden, N. J	$200 00	$200 00
25	35	" E. L. Wiggins.	3405 Hamilton St., Philadelphia.	400 00	225 00
13	31	" Harriet Shields	1511 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia	300 00	225 00
13	31	" A. W. Allen	Laurel, Delaware	250 00	225 00
30	26	" Jane Henry	1018 South Fourth St., Philadelphia.	200 00	200 00
33	24	" N. J. King.	Chester, Pa.	250 00	150 00
19	18	" Jane Mecaskey	Frankford, Philadelphia.	125 00	75 00
22	18	" Mary Freed	68 Washington St., Williamsport, Pa.	300 00	200 00
47	17	" Rachel Barnes.	1619 Page St., Philadelphia.	300 00	275 00
21	16	" Martha M. Turner.	Bristol, Pa.	350 00	225 00
11	15	" Catharine R. Barr.	Bird-in-Hand, Pa.	160 00	75 00
20	14	" Emma V. Hurn	Township Line & Manheim St., Gt'wn	300 00	150 00
11	14	" Mattie P. George	West Chester, Pa.	200 00	200 00
13	13	" Amelia B. Ayars.	1954 Broadway, Cleveland, Ohio.	400 00	200 00
23	13	" Lucena E. Johnson	Delaware, Ohio.	400 00	175 00
35	12	" Margaret H. Flannery.	811 North Twentieth St., Philadelphia.	300 00	225 00
40	9	" Elizabeth M. Ayars	Germantown, Philadelphia.	200 00	150 00
23	7	" A. M. Dalrymple.	1709 North Twenty-second St., Phila.	300 00	225 00
37	6	" Sarah E. Aspril	2425 North Tenth St., Philadelphia.	300 00	250 00
34	6	" Sarah Z. Hare	1829 North Twelfth St., Philadelphia	300 00	225 00
27	6	" Rebecca A. Jones	2528 Marshall St., Philadelphia.	300 00	200 00
9	6	" Maria C. Pitcher.	Lebanon, Pa.	150 00	100 00
46	5	" Agnes C. Hodgson	1443 South Thirteenth St., Philadelphia.	300 00	200 00
42	4	" Mary E. Ruth		200 00	200 00
29	3	" Martha J. Chaplain.	Taylor's Island, Dorchester Co., Md.	75 00	75 00
13	3	" Hannah Rickerton	Care of Z. Rittenhouse, Norristown, Pa.	250 00	200 00
35	2	" Elizabeth H. Maddux.	Chester, Pa.	250 00	200 00
48	2	" A. L. C. Cunningham.	1414 North Thirteenth St., Philadelphia	250 00	175 00
11	1	" Clara M. Martin.	Williamstown, Pa.	500 00	300 00
				$7,610 00	$5,525 00
		Expenses			6 95
		Estimates		$15,823 00	
		Appropriations		11,135 00	
		Estimates above Disbursements		$4,688 00	

APPORTIONMENT

OF MONEYS TO BE RAISED FOR

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1884.

NORTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.	Amount Apportioned.
Phila.—Bridesburg	$20 00
" Bustleton	40 00
" Cambria Street	15 00
" Cohocksink	90 00
" Cumberland Street	100 00
" Eden	15 00
" East Montgomery Avenue	50 00
" Fifth Street	125 00
" Frankford—Central	40 00
" " Frankford Avenue	35 00
" " Orthodox Street	15 00
" " Paul Street }	120 00
" " Aramingo }	
" Front Street	30 00
" Hancock Street	30 00
" Holmesburg	15 00
" Kensington	130 00
" Norris Square	25 00
" Port Richmond	40 00
" St. George's	100 00
" St. John's }	175 00
" Sanctuary }	
" Siloam	100 00
" Somerton	15 00
" Summerfield }	75 00
" Sepviva }	
" Tacony	10 00
Allentown	25 00
Bangor	10 00
Bethlehem	25 00
Bristol	40 00
Catasauqua	20 00
Chapman's	10 00
Cherry Valley	15 00
Delaware Water Gap	10 00
Easton	70 00
East Mauch Chunk	15 00
East Stroudsburg	15 00
Friedensville and Redington	5 00
Glendon and Odenweld	10 00
Lahaska and Lumberville	15 00
Langhorne	15 00
Lehighton	15 00
Mauch Chunk	65 00
Morrisville	10 00
Neshaminy	20 00
Nesquehoning	10 00
New Hope	25 00
Newtown	15 00
Parryville and Slatington	10 00
Portland	10 00
Quakertown	15 00
Raubsville	10 00
Richboro and Penn's Park	10 00
Richmond	15 00
South Easton	30 00
Spragueville	15 00
Stroudsburg	60 00
Tannersville	10 00
Tobyhanna	15 00
Tullytown }	10 00
Emilie }	10 00
Yardleyville	10 00
Total	$2110 00

NORTHWEST PHILAD'A DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.	Amount Apportioned.
Phila.—Chestnut Hill	$10 00
" Columbia Avenue	10 00
" Cookman	20 00
" Falls of Schuylkill	20 00
" Franklinville	10 00
" Germantown—Haines Street	150 00
" " Mt. Pleasant Ave	15 00
" " St. Stephen's	75 00
" Grace	175 00
" Manayunk—Ebenezer	65 00
" " Mount Zion	65 00
" Memorial	50 00
" Milestown	25 00
" Mount Carmel	20 00
" Park Avenue	85 00
" Roxborough—Central	35 00
" " Ridge Avenue	50 00
" St. James'	45 00
" Tabernacle	175 00
" Tioga	20 00
" Trinity	225 00
" Twentieth Street	50 00
" Twenty-ninth Street	15 00
" West Park Avenue	25 00
Bethel	10 00
Birdsboro	20 00
Boyertown	10 00
Cheltenham	40 00
Conshohocken	30 00
Cressona	10 00
Cumbola and Middleport	5 00
Doylestown	20 00
Evansburg	5 00
Gilberton Circuit	15 00
Girardville	15 00
Hatboro and Fairview	15 00
Hamburg and Port Clinton	10 00
Jarrettown Circuit	10 00
Jenkintown	10 00
Lansdale	10 00
Mahanoy City	35 00
Minersville	35 00
Montgomery Square	10 00
Norristown—First Church	50 00
" Haws Avenue	10 00
" Oak Street	30 00
North Wales	10 00
Phœnixville	60 00
Port Carbon	25 00
Pottstown	50 00
Pottsville	175 00
Reading—Covenant	30 00
" Ebenezer	75 00
" St. Peter's	75 00
St. Clair	50 00
St. Paul's Circuit	20 00
Shenandoah	35 00
Spring City	25 00
Tamaqua	30 00
Temple and New Bethel	25 00
Valley Forge	10 00
William Penn	10 00
Total	$2545 00

West Philadelphia District.

APPOINTMENTS.	Amount Apportioned.
Phila.—Asbury	$50 00
" Belmont	20 00
" Centenary	30 00
" Central	125 00
" Christ Church	150 00
" Emmanuel	20 00
" Emory	25 00
" Epworth	10 00
" Fletcher	100 00
" Fortieth Street	60 00
" Green Street	200 00
" Haddington	20 00
" Nazareth	80 00
" Nineteenth Street	80 00
" Spring Garden Street	400 00
" Twelfth Street	120 00
" Western	50 00
Atglen and Mount Pleasant	10 00
Berrysburg	5 00
Bird-in-Hand	20 00
Branchdale	5 00
Bryn Mawr and Bethesda	35 00
Charlestown	10 00
Churchtown and Morgantown	15 00
Coatesville	50 00
Cornwall	20 00
Coventryville	25 00
Dauphin	20 00
Downingtown	25 00
Georgetown and Gap	20 00
Glen Moore	10 00
Good Will	10 00
Grove	30 00
Halifax	30 00
Hibernia and Thorndale	10 00
Hopewell	25 00
Hummelstown	15 00
Lancaster—First Church and Missions	150 00
" St. Paul's	20 00
Lebanon	25 00
Lower Merion	10 00
Lykens and Wiconisco	20 00
Manada	5 00
Millersburg	45 00
Mount Joy	10 00
New Holland and Bareville	5 00
Parkesburg	10 00
Pine Grove	30 00
Salem	10 00
Springfield	25 00
Tower City	5 00
Tremont	10 00
Waynesburg	40 00
Williamstown	20 00
Total	$2370 00

South Philadelphia District.

APPOINTMENTS.	Amount Apportioned.
Phila.—Arch Street	$400 00
" Bethany	10 00
" Broad Street	120 00
" Christian Street	20 00
" Ebenezer	125 00
" Eighteenth Street	25 00
" Eleventh Street	50 00
" Fitzwater Street	20 00
" Mariners' Bethel	80 00
" Messiah	20 00
" Paschallville	25 00
" Pitman	20 00
" St. Paul's	125 00
" Salem	110 00
" Scott	60 00
" Union	125 00
" Wharton Street	250 00
" Tasker	15 00
Avondale and Chatham	10 00
Bainbridge	10 00
Bethlehem and Stony Bank	10 00
Chester—Madison Street	125 00
" Trinity	50 00
" South Chester	20 00
Clifton and Mount Pleasant	20 00
Cochranville and Friendship	10 00
Columbia	150 00
Crozerville	20 00
Darby	15 00
Fernwood	15 00
Fulton	25 00
Kedron	15 00
Kennett Square	10 00
Lima and Howellville	10 00
Marcus Hook	15 00
Marietta	20 00
Marshallton	15 00
Media—First Church	25 00
" South Media	5 00
Middletown	30 00
Millersville	10 00
Mount Hope	25 00
Mount Nebo	20 00
New London	25 00
Oxford	15 00
Prospect Park	10 00
Safe Harbor	25 00
Siloam	25 00
Steelton	20 00
Strasburg	30 00
Union, Delaware County	10 00
Union and Octoraro	10 00
Upland	20 00
Washington	10 00
West Chester	75 00
Total	$2555 00

RECAPITULATION.

North Philadelphia District	$2,110 00
Northwest Philadelphia District	2,545 00
West Philadelphia District	2,370 00
South Philadelphia District	2,555 00
Total	$9,580 00